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ALBION, INDIANA

2006

William Curtis Houser, 89

May 12, 1915 - Jan. 1, 2005

William Curtis "Curty" Houser, 89, of rural South Whitley, died at 5:55 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 1, 2005 at his home.

Born on May 12, 1915 in Fort Wayne, a son of George C. and Elma (Myers) Houser, his formative years were spent in Fort Wayne where he completed his education.

On Feb. 15, 1942 he was united in marriage to Sylvia Mae Hoover. They made their home in Logansport until after his discharge from the service when they moved to Fort Wayne. Mrs. Houser died March 8, 1997.

On Dec. 9, 1942 he enlisted in the U.S. Army, serving in the Asiatic-Pacific Theater during World War II. He was honorably discharged Jan. 3, 1946.

Employed at Essex Wire for 22 years, he retired from Fort Wayne Community Schools with 10 years of service.

His memberships include Cornerstone Fellowship Church and the American Legion in Fort Wayne. He had been attending Windows of Heaven Ministry.

Survivors include a son, William C. (Rose) Houser Jr. of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Cindy L. (Jeff) Lewis of South Whitley; 10 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

In addition to his wife, he was preceded in death by a daughter, Darlene Lothamer and two sisters, Dorothy Beard and Ruth Krewson.

The funeral service is at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 4, at Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City with Pastor Connie Wykoff officiating. Burial is at Highland Park Cemetery, Fort Wayne. Visitation is from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to Windows of Heaven Ministry.



Houser



Allen 'Ross' Crockett, 64

Oct. 6, 1940 - Dec. 31, 2004

Allen "Ross" Crockett, 64, of Ligonier, died at 5:10 p.m. Friday, Dec. 31, 2004 at Avalon Nursing Center.

Born on Oct. 6, 1940 in Ligonier, he was a son of Nyell A. and Maxine (Ross) Crockett.

A veteran of the U.S. Army, he retired from the U.S. Postal Service after 30 years of service.

A member of American Legion Post 243 of Ligonier for 23 years, he enjoyed reading.

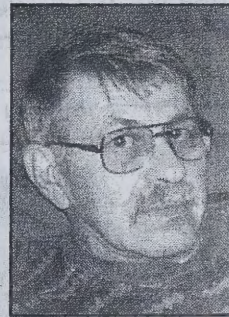
Survivors include a daughter, Amy (Scott) Stark of Gilbert, Ariz.; a brother, David Crockett of Fort Wayne; a sister, Nila Kay Mitchell of Ligonier; two grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Military rites by American Legion Post 243

is at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 5, at Orr Funeral Home of Ligonier. A memorial service will follow with the Rev. Thomas Wiegard officiating. Calling hours are 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to his grandchildren's education fund, through Bank One.



Crockett



Cecil E. Igney, 88

Nov. 2, 1916 - Jan. 2, 2005

Cecil E. Igney, 88, of Columbia City, died Sunday morning, Jan. 2, 2005 at Parkview Whitley Hospital in Columbia City, where he was admitted on Friday.



Born on Nov. 2, 1916 in Frankfort, a son of Cecil C. and Frances G. (Davison) Igney, his formative years were spent in Fort Wayne and Auburn where his education was completed.

During World War II, he enlisted in the U.S. Merchant Marines and was honorably discharged Feb. 7, 1945.

On Sept. 9, 1975 he was united in marriage to Pearl M. Augustine and they made their home in Columbia City. Mrs. Igney died Aug. 6, 1997.

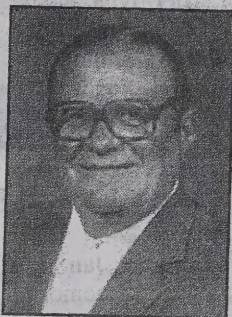
He was a member of Wayne Lodge 25 F.&A.M. and Columbia City Lodge 189 F.&A.M., Mizpah Shrine, Scottish Rite, Whitley County Giant Fez Shrine Club and I.O.O.F. of Dunfee.

Survivors include three sons, Edward Igney of Colorado Springs, Colo.; Calvin Igney of Grove, Okla.; and J.C. Igney of Oklahoma; two daughters, Christine Beaver of Anchorage, Alaska, and Joan Rothwell of Hadeysburg, Miss.; several grandchildren; two brothers, F. Gail Igney of Fort Wayne, and Thurl Igney of New Paris; and two sisters, Ruth Maxwell of Coesse and Thelma Saylor of Albion.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Ruby Uran.

The funeral service is at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 8, at Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City with the Rev. Steve Halsy officiating. The Columbia City Lodge 189 F.&A.M. will present Masonic rites. Burial is at Union Township Cemetery. Visitation is one hour prior to the service at the funeral home.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to Indiana Masonic Home.

**Igney****Annabelle C. Elzey, 72**

June 21, 1932 - Dec. 30, 2004

Annabelle C. Elzey, 72, of North Manchester, died at 11:38 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 30, 2004 at Parkview Huntington Hospital in Huntington.

Born on June 21, 1932 in Huntington, she was a daughter of Rue H. and Goldie (Feightner) Hunnicutt, both deceased.

On Sept. 5, 1981 she married Robert L. Elzey.

A retired accountant, she was a member of the Fort Wayne Doll Club.

Survivors include her husband, Robert, two step-sons, Terry Elzey of Muncie and Randy Elzey of Geneva; a daughter, Christina Sharin of Fort Wayne; two step-daughters, Sherry (Jay) Studebaker of Geneva and Pamela K. (Tim) Johnson of Portland; two brothers, Vaughn

Hunnicutt of Columbia City and Max Hunnicutt of Costa Meca, Calif.; four sisters, Margaret Redding of Liberty Center; Ruby Bell of Syracuse, Eva Slusser of Maco Island, Fla.; and Luann Hughes of Thousand Island, Fla.; 10 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a son, Gary Howard, and a brother.

The funeral service is at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 9, at Bethel Baptist Church in Pierceton, with Pastor Jim Baughman officiating. The family will receive friends following the service.

Arrangements are by DeLaughter-McKee Mortuary, North Manchester Chapel.

Lee service

Bishop Alfred Lankenau of the Holy Eucharistic Orthodox Catholic Church, Indianapolis, officiated at the Dec. 30, 2004 memorial service for Cynthia P Lee, 64, at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home in Columbia City.

Evelyn Stemen included "Will the Circle Be Unbroken," "The Last Mile of the Way" and "Whispering Hope" as organ prelude with "Mansion Over the Hilltop" as postlude. Vocalist Wilma Craig sang "Amazing Grace" and "On the Wings of a Dove."

A video celebrating Ms. Lee's life was shown before dismissing family and friends.

The committal service and a balloon release followed at South Whitley Cemetery, South Whitley.

Ms. Lee, daughter of Mary Grant and mother of Lora Clingerman and Latt Babcock, died Friday Dec. 24 at Parkview Whitley Hospital in Columbia City.

Keister service

The funeral service for Robert W. Keister, 79, was Monday, Jan. 3, 2005 at Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City with the Rev. Denise Devault Gilbert officiating. Doug Robison, a son-in-law, shared special family remembrances.

Evelyn Zumbrun played favorite selections during the organ prelude and postlude including "Unforgettable," "Let Me Call You Sweetheart," "Tennessee Waltz," "Rock of Ages," "How Great Thou Art" and "The Battle Hymn of the Republic." She also played "In the Garden" and

"The Old Rugged Cross" during the service.

The committal service followed at St. Matthew's Cemetery. Casketbearers were Barry Keister, Gary Keister, Wayne Cooper, Larry Cooper, Duke Snyder and John Hovarter. Honorary bearers were Ron Keister, Charlie Miller, Mark Gentry, Greg Gentry, Jim Barnett, John Gross, Dale Barkey, Dale Engle, Rick Gibbs and Scott Maggert.

A detail from the U.S. Army presented military honors at the cemetery.

Mr. Keister, a retiree of Weatherhead with 36 years of service, and husband of Thelma (Kring) Keister, died Tuesday, Dec. 28.

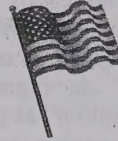
Charles Tolliver, 83

Sept. 11, 1921 - Jan. 3, 2005

Charles Tolliver, 83, died Monday, Jan. 3, 2005 at Goshen General Hospital in Goshen.

Born on Sept. 11, 1921 in Benham, Ky., he was a son of Henry and Nancy (Irvin) Tolliver.

A U.S. Army veteran, he retired from Dana Corporation in 1978 after 40 years of service.



Survivors include his wife, Evelyn M. (Gipe) Tolliver of Fort Wayne, who grew up in Columbia City and was a graduate of Columbia City High School; a daughter, Joan (Ray) Parker of Fort Wayne; a step-daughter, Sydney (Steve) Campbell of Columbia City; a step-son, David (Mary) Schinbeckler of Appleton, Wis.; two grandchildren; five step-grandchildren; four step-great-grandchildren; a sister, Dorothy Strycker of Goshen; and a brother, Ralph Tolliver of Fort Wayne.

He was preceded in death by four brothers, Howard, Herbert, Hawood and Williard; and two sisters, Mabel Tolliver and Ethel Sumpture.

The funeral service is at 10 a.m. Friday, Jan. 7, at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave. Calling is from 3 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Burial is at McClintic Cemetery, Syracuse.

Memorials may be made to Alzheimer's Disease & Related Disorders Association, Northern Indiana Chapter.

Alice J. Day Carr

Graveside service Friday

Alice J. Day Carr, a former South Whitley resident, died Monday, Jan. 3, 2005 at Walled Lake, Mich.

A graveside service is at 1 p.m. Friday at South Whitley Cemetery, with Pastor Jonathan Damon officiating.

There is no visitation.

Arrangements are by Smith and Sons Miller Chapel, South Whitley.

Robert G. Michel, 72

March 17, 1932 - Jan. 3, 2005

Robert G. Michel, 72, a retired Washington Township farmer, died Monday, Jan. 3, 2005 at Florida Hospital South in Orlando, Fla., where he was transferred on Thursday from Highlands Regional Hospital in Sebring.



Born on March 17, 1932 in Huntington, he was a son of Herbert and Pauline (Kennedy) Michel. At the age of seven, his family moved to the farm in Washington Township and he graduated from Washington Center High School.

**Michel**

On Nov. 12, 1952 he enlisted in the U.S. Army, serving during the Korean War. On June 28, 1953 he was united in marriage to Patricia A. Liest. They made their first home in Fort Knox, Ky., until his honorable discharge on Nov. 12, 1954. They then made their home on the family farm in Washington Township. Mrs. Michel died Nov. 18, 1985.

On July 15, 1989 he was united in marriage to Carole (Luton) Larson. They made their home on the family farm, wintering in Sebring, Fla. for the past 10 years.

He was a member of Columbia City United Methodist Church and a former member of the Washington Township Volunteer Fire Department.

Survivors include his wife, Carole; two sons, David (Anne) Michel of Huntertown, and Rick (Dawn) Michel of Columbia City; two daughters, Vicki (John) Bowers of Fort Wayne, and Mary Kay (Jim) Walters of Goodyear, Ariz.; four stepchildren, Laurel (Rick) Gorney of Fishers; Jeff (Charlotte) Binkley of Danville; Lisa (Michael) McPherson of Uniondale, and Peter Binkley of Tucson, Ariz.; 12 grandchildren; nine step-grandchildren; his mother, Pauline Michel of Columbia City; two brothers, Don Michel of Muncie and Dick Michel of Huntington; and two

sisters, Joyce Ann Butler and Becky Puckett, both of Columbia City

Bernice E. Kinsey, 85

Jan. 12, 1919 - Jan. 4, 2005

Bernice E. (Robinette) Kinsey, 85, of Ellenton, Fla., formerly of Fort Wayne, died Tuesday, Jan. 4, 2005 at Manatee Memorial Hospital in Bradenton, Fla.

Born on Jan. 12, 1919 in Whitley County, she was a daughter of Clinton and Ethel (Severs) Robinette.

Her marriage to Gerald R. Kinsey was on Dec. 25, 1938 in Warsaw. He died April 15, 1996.

She was an instructor for the Ravenscroft Beauty College in Fort Wayne for 20 years.

Survivors include two sons, Jerry L. Kinsey of Fort Wayne, and Terry L. Kinsey of New Port Richey, Fla.; a brother, Lowell Robinette of Penn Valley, Calif.; a sister, Florence Drudge of Milford; six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by a brother, Harold Robinette and sisters, Fern Bosworth and Dorothy Hicks.

The Rev. David Swinehart will conduct the funeral service at 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 8, at Covington Memorial Funeral Home, 8408 Covington Road in Fort Wayne. Visitation is from 2 to 8 p.m. Friday. Burial is at Covington Memorial Gardens.

Memorial contributions can be made to Visiting Nurse and Hospice, 5910 Homestead Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46804.

In addition to his first wife, he was preceded in death by his father and two brothers, Loren Michel and Lyle Michel.

The funeral service is at 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 9, at Columbia City United Methodist Church, 605 Forest Parkway, with the Rev. Jack Scott officiating. Burial is at South Whitley Cemetery. Visitation is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday at Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City, and one hour prior to the service at the church on Sunday.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to the American Heart Fund.

Claude A. Fox, 82

Sept. 14, 1922 - Jan. 5, 2005

Claude A. Fox, 82, of Round Lake, died at 4:25 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 5, 2005 at The Oaks Living Center in Columbia City where he had been a resident since Dec. 11, 2004.

Born on Sept. 14, 1922 in Cass County, a son of Carl E. and Della (Foster) Fox, his formative years were spent in Miami County and he graduated from Clay Township High School.

On Dec. 7, 1942 he enlisted in the U.S. Army, serving in Central Europe during World War II. He was honorably discharged Nov. 5, 1945.

On Dec. 12, 1942 he was united in marriage to Bonita L. Klingman. They made their home in Miami County until 1967 when they moved to their farm in Washington Township, Whitley County. Since 1981 they made their home at Round Lake. From 1972 until 2000 they wintered in Clearwater, Fla.

A retired farmer, he was a member of Loree Brethren Church, American Legion Post 98, V.F.W. Post 3846 in Churubusco, Miami County F.&A.M., Scottish Rite and Mizpah Shrine.

Survivors include his wife, Bonnie; a son, Michael K. (Betsy) Fox of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Joyce E. (Larry) Line of Columbia City; five grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and four sisters, Mary Hayes of LaFontaine, Adah Rineberger of Inverness, Fla.; Naomi Kile of Galveston and Barbara Parker of West Palm Beach, Fla.

He was preceded in death by a son, David L. Fox; a daughter, Patricia Ann Freshour; a sister, LaVon Fox; and a brother, Carl "Bud" Fox Jr.

The funeral service is at 10:30 a.m. Monday, Jan. 10, at Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City, with Pastor Larry Schmoekel officiating. American Legion Post 98 will present

military honors at the funeral home. Visitation is from 2 to 6 p.m. Sunday. The committal service is at 2 p.m. Monday at Rankin Cemetery, near Bunker Hill.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to Parkview Home Health & Hospice Whitley Branch.



Fox

Mabel M. Urschel, 88

April 6, 1916 - Jan. 4, 2005

Mabel M. Urschel, 88, a resident at Timbercrest Senior Living Community and formerly of Bippus, died at 10:15 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 4, 2004 at Parkview-Whitley Hospital in Columbia City.

Born on April 6, 1916 in Wabash County, she was a daughter of Albert D. and Irene (Schwartz) Bechtold.

She married Paul A. Urschel on April 9, 1938. He died Nov. 5, 1984.

A homemaker, she also farmed near Bippus.

She owned her own drapery business, "The Iron Kettle Workshop," for approximately 20 years and had traveled with the choral group, "The Sounds of Hope," under the direction of Varner Chance, throughout Europe in 1985-86.

She was a member of Congregational Christian Church in North Manchester.

Survivors include a daughter, Katherine (Lewis) Landry of Mundelein, Ill.; a sister, Norma Miller of Port St. Lucie, Fla.; two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by a brother and a sister.

The funeral service is at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 8, at Timbercrest Chapel, 2201 East St., North Manchester, with Pastor J.P. Freeman officiating. Visitation is from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday at DeLaughter-McKee Mortuary, North Manchester Chapel and one hour prior to the service at Timbercrest Chapel on Saturday. Burial is at Fairview Cemetery, Servia.

For those who wish, memorials may be directed to Timbercrest Senior Living Community, 2201 East St. North Manchester, IN.

Alice Jane Day Carr, 97

Service location change

Alice Jane Day Carr, 97, a former South Whitley resident, died Monday, Jan. 3, 2005 at Walled Lake, Mich.

The funeral service has been changed to 1 p.m. Friday, Jan. 7, at Smith and Sons Miller Chapel in South Whitley, with the Rev. Jonathan Damon officiating. Burial is at South Whitley Cemetery.

Lois Eileen Leeuw, 70

April 12, 1934 - Jan. 6, 2005

Lois Eileen Leeuw, 70, of rural Columbia City, died at 3:36 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 6, 2005 at visiting Nurse Service and Hospice Home, Fort Wayne.

Born on April 12, 1934 in Coesse, a daughter of Chalmer Glenmore and Edith Lorena (Beeching) Judd, she graduated from Jefferson Center High School with the class of 1952.

Her marriage to Edward A. Leeuw was on April 7, 1956 at Queen of Angels Catholic Church in Fort Wayne. After their marriage the couple lived in Washington Township from 1967 to 2000. They returned in 2000 to her family farm and built a new home in Jefferson Township.

She worked for brief periods at Wolf & Dessauer Department Store in Fort Wayne, Gobbler's Retreat as a processor, and Whitley County Hospital in Columbia City. She was a devoted homemaker and mother.

A member of St. Catherine's Catholic Church, Nix Settlement and its Rosary Sodality, she loved animals, sewing and gardening, especially tending to her flower gardens.

Survivors include her husband, Edward; five sons, Ed (Peggy) Leeuw of Mesa, Ariz.; Matt (Natalie) Leeuw of South Whitley; Joe (Amy) Leeuw of Churubusco; John (Willie) Leeuw of Fort Wayne, and Bill (Lori) Leeuw of South Whitley; a brother, David D. (Patsy) Judd of Riverside, Calif.; and eight grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two children, David and Donita Leeuw and a brother, Robert F. Judd.

Visitation is from 1 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 9, with recitation of the rosary at 7:30 p.m. at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Drive in Columbia City. Visitation is also from 9 to 10 a.m. Monday at the funeral home with family prayers following visitation from 10 to 10:30 a.m. The funeral mass is at 11 a.m. Monday at St. Catherine's Catholic Church, Nix Settlement, with Father Daniel R. Leeuw, chaplain of Sacred Heart Home, Avilla, officiating. Burial is at Covington Memorial Gardens in Fort Wayne.



Leeuw

Irene Neaman, 80

Jan. 5, 1925 - Jan. 5, 2005

Irene Neaman, 80, a former resident of Fort Wayne and Churubusco and more recently of Story Lake near Ashley, died at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 5, 2005 at Shepherd of the Hill Nursing Home in Kendallville. She had been a resident there for the past five years and had been seriously ill since July.

She was born on Jan. 5, 1925 in Churubusco.

On Sept. 4, 1943 she was united in marriage to Bernard L. Neaman in Coldwater, Mich. Mr. Neaman died Sept. 16, 1992.

A homemaker most of her life, she had worked as a volunteer at the Gene Straton Porter Home on Sylvan Lake.

Among surviving relatives are a daughter, Terry (Jerry) Perkins of Hudson; a son, Lyle Neaman of Fort Wayne; a sister, Vivian (Jack) Wood of Yerington, Nev.; an aunt; a granddaughter and two great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by a sister, Delores Fletcher in 1992.

A private family service is at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with the Rev. Daniel Barker, of Trinity United Methodist Church in Albion, officiating. At the request of the family there are no calling hours. Interment is at Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

For those who wish, memorials may be directed to Shepherd of the Hill Nursing Home, P.O. Box 429, Kendallville, IN 46755.

Condolences may be e-mailed to the family at sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.



Neaman

Memorial gifts may be given in her memory to masses at St. Catherine's Catholic Church, or to Visiting Nurse Service & Hospice Home in Fort Wayne. Envelopes are available at the funeral home.

For additional obituary information, sending condolences, to light a memory candle or sign the family guest register book, log onto www.demoneygrimes.com.

Doris A. Shrock, 75

Nov. 2, 1929 - Jan. 6, 2005

Doris A. Shrock 75, of rural Columbia City and formerly of Goshen, died at 4:30 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 6, 2005 at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Born on Nov. 2, 1929 in Elkhart County, she was a daughter of Louis and Bertha (Leatherman) Bickel.

She married Lloyd H. Shrock on April 30, 1948.

A homemaker, she was a member of West Goshen Church of the Brethren.

Survivors include her husband, Lloyd; two daughters, Sandra Mast of Florida, and Joyce (Tom) Studle of Fort Wayne; a son, Rick (Sonna) Shrock of Goshen; a sister, Betty (Albert) Hershberger of Goshen; eight grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Richard A. Shrock; three sisters, Eleanore Nesbitt, Donnabelle DeKnikker and Freda Fisher; and two brothers, Dean Bickel and Merle Bickel.

The funeral service is at 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 8, at West Goshen Church of the Brethren with Pastor Don Snell officiating. Calling is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. today at Rieth-Rohrer-Ehret Funeral Home, 311 S. Main St., Goshen, and one hour prior to the service at the church Saturday. Burial is at West Goshen Cemetery.

For those who wish, memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Condolences may be e-mailed to the family at www.rrefh.com



Shrock

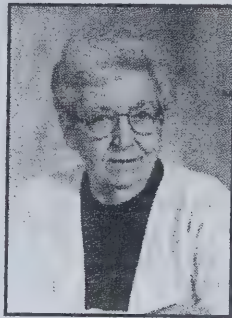
Ilene M. Bates, 87**Aug. 13, 1917 -Jan. 7, 2005**

Ilene M. Bates, 87, of Big Lake, died Friday, Jan. 7, 2005 at her home. She had been in failing health.

She was born on Aug. 13, 1917, in Columbia Township, a daughter of Harmon and Emma (Roy) Lafever. She completed her education at Columbia City High School.

On July 23, 1937, she was united in marriage to Franklin E. "Gene" Bates. They made their home on East Ellsworth Street until moving to Big Lake in 1970. Mr. Bates died in May 4, 1992.

She was employed at Bowers for five years and was a waitress at the 30 Club from 1945 until 1972.

**Bates**

Her memberships included American Legion Post 98 Auxiliary and V.F.W. Post 5582 Auxiliary.

Surviving relatives include two daughters, Sharon Wolf and Sandra (Max) Cox, both of Columbia City; six grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandsons.

In addition to her husband and her parents, she was preceded in death by two sisters, Helen King and Mildred Kramer; and four brothers, Leonard, Ralph, Carl and Donald.

The funeral service will be held at 10 a.m. on Tues., Jan. 11, 2005, at Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with Rev. Terry Zolman officiating. The burial will be in South Whitley Cemetery. The visitation will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to Heartland Hospice.

Houser service

The funeral service for William Curtis "Curty" Houser, 89, was held Tuesday afternoon, Jan. 4, 2005, at Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with Pastor Connie Wyckoff

officiating. Jeff Lewis, son-in-law, and Ross Clark shared personal reflections.

A variety of favorite selections were played during the prelude and postlude, including "The Old Rugged Cross," "I Can Only Imagine" by MercyMe, "I'll Fly Away" and "Amazing Grace." Leta Potter sang "Going Up Yonder" during the service.

The burial was in Highland Park Cemetery, Fort Wayne. Casketbearers were Bill Houser III, Ron Anderson, Chris Anderson, Branden Anderson, Jeffrey Lewis, Gene France and Mark France.

Mr. Houser, the widower of Sylvia Mae (Hoover) Houser and father of William C. (Rose) Houser, Jr. and Cindy L. (Jeff) Lewis, died Sat., Jan. 1.

Carr service

The funeral service for Alice Jane Carr, 97, was held Friday afternoon at Smith and Sons Miller Chapel, South Whitley, with Rev. Jonathan Damon officiating.

The burial took place at South Whitley Cemetery.

Mrs. Carr died Mon., Jan. 3, in Walled Lake, Mich.

Joe Mack Pittenger Sr., 83

Oct. 26, 1921 - Jan. 7, 2005

Joe Mack Pittenger Sr., 83, of Columbia Township, Whitley County, died at 8:05 p.m. Friday, Jan. 7, 2005 at Northern Indiana Veterans Health Care Center in Fort Wayne.

Born on Oct. 26, 1921 in Union Township, Whitley County, a son of Wayne G. and Mary R. (Worden) Pittenger, his formative years were spent in Coesse and he graduated from Coesse High School.

On Jan. 22, 1943, he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force, serving during World War II. He was honorably discharged Aug. 20, 1945. In 1948 he moved to Jefferson Township from Columbia City.

Employed at Columbia Woolen Mill for a year, General Electric for four years and Dana Corporation in Fort Wayne for nine years, he did heavy construction with R.L. McCoy and later Irmshers.

In February 1980 he was united in marriage to Mary Lou (Crawford) Pittenger and they always made their home on Raber Road in Columbia Township.

His church affiliation was with Oak Grove Church of God.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Lou; a son, Joe Pittenger Jr. of Columbia City; a daughter, Tamara Arnold of Port St. Lucie, Fla.; two step-daughters, Valory J. Pittenger and Melody A. (Gregory) Kolkman, both of Columbia City; a step-son, Stefan W. (Maria) Pittenger of Fort Wayne; five grandchildren; five step-grandchildren; six great-grandchildren and a brother, Talbert Pittenger of Columbia City.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Richard and Gary.

The funeral service is at 3 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 11, at Oak Grove Church of God, 2426 S. Raber Road, Columbia City, with the Rev. Mark Goeglein officiating. Burial is at Oak Grove Cemetery. Visitation is from noon to 3 p.m. Tuesday at the church.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to Oak Grove Church of God.

Arrangements are by Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City.



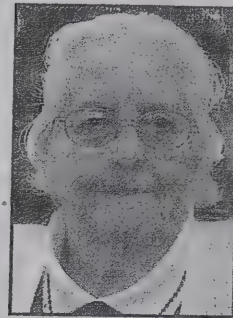
Pittenger

Ethelyn G. Eastes, 92

Feb. 2, 1912- Jan. 7, 2005

Ethelyn G. Eastes, 92, of South Whitley, died at 6:25 p.m. Friday, Jan. 7, 2005 at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne where she was admitted on Tuesday. She had been a resident at St. Anne's Retirement Community in Fort Wayne since November 2003.

Born on Feb. 2, 1912 in Houston, Texas, a daughter of John A. and Ethel M. (Garland) Sales, her formative years were spent in Three Rivers, Mich., and she graduated from Three Rivers High School.



Eastes

On July 19, 1936 she was united in marriage to Earl G. Eastes. They made their home in Three Rivers and later Melbourne, Fla. where they resided 26 years. In 1991 they moved to South Whitley. Mr. Eastes died Oct. 31, 2003.

She was employed at Hazen Lumber Company in Three Rivers from 1930 to 1936, and in the Melbourne, Fla. town clerk's office from 1969 until 1974.

Her memberships included St. John's Lutheran Church.

Surviving relatives include three sons, Delman E. (Pat) Eastes of White Pigeon, Mich.; Douglas A. (Susan) Eastes of Columbia City, and David R. (Joy) Eastes of Port Orange, Fla.; six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by three sisters and two brothers.

The funeral service is at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 12, at St. John's Lutheran Church, 2465 West Keiser Road, Columbia City, with the Rev. David Mommens officiating. Visitation is from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City and one hour prior to the service at the church on Wednesday. The committal service is at 3 p.m. Wednesday at Riverside Cemetery in Three Rivers, Mich.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to St. John's Lutheran Church Building Fund.

Felix Henry Poole, 73

Feb. 20, 1931 - Jan. 9, 2005

Felix Henry "Hank" Poole, 73, of Jefferson Township, Whitley County, died at 1:50 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 9, 2005 in Fort Wayne.

Born on Feb. 20, 1931 in Ovid, Colo., he was the sixth child of Charles and Loretta (Louderback) Poole. As a young boy, he moved to Holdrege, Neb. where he lived in the Christian Children's Home. He graduated from Holdrege High School in 1951.

On June 28, 1951 he enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps, serving during the Korean War. He was honorably discharged April 28, 1952. Following his discharge, he attended Kearney State Teachers College.

He resided in Holdrege and later Lincoln Neb., before moving to Janesville, Wis.

He owned a Saladmaster franchise and was later a divisional director for Wisconsin and Illinois. After returning to Nebraska, he made his home at Johnson Lake, where he owned and operated Poole's Heating and Air Conditioning until his retirement in 1995.

His memberships included The Shepherds Church and American Legion Post 160 in Roanoke.

Survivors include two daughters, Shanna (Robert) Chapman of Columbia City, and Lora (Joseph) Babcock of Janesville, Wis.; two sons, Gregg (Yvonne) Poole of Cortland, Neb., and Tim Poole of Lincoln, Neb.; nine grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; six brothers and three sisters.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers and a sister.

The funeral service is at 11 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 13, at Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City with Pastor Robert Chapman, a son-in-law, officiating. Visitation is from 9 to 11 a.m. Thursday. Burial is at South Park Annex Cemetery. American Legion Post 160 in Roanoke will present military honors at the cemetery.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to The Shepherds Church or Christian Children's Home in Holdrege, Neb.



Poole

Igney service

The funeral service for Cecil E. Igney, 88, was Saturday, Jan. 8, 2005 at Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City, with the Rev. Steve Halsey officiating.

Columbia City Lodge 189 F.&A.M. presented Masonic rites to begin the service. Jerry Yagel served as worshipful master, Gene Rohrer served as chaplain and Calvin Igney was the apron bearer. Others participating were Paul Clingerman, Paul Lopshire, Thomas Trier, Kirk Little, Gerald Maxwell, Kent Jackson, James Gambrell and DeWayne Lane.

Evelyn Zumbrun played a variety of hymns during the organ prelude and postlude including "The Old Rugged Cross," "How Great Thou Art" and "Beyond the Sunset."

The committal service followed at Union Township Cemetery. Sons and great-nephews serving as casketbearers were Edward Igney, Calvin Igney, J.C. Igney, Josh Halsey, Jason Halsey and Jeremy Halsey.

Mr. Igney, brother of F. Gail Igney, Thurl Igney, Ruth Maxwell and Thelma Saylor, died Sunday, Jan. 2.

Fox service

The funeral service for Claude A. Fox, 82, was Monday, Jan. 10, 2005 at Smith and Sons funeral Home in Columbia City, with Pastor Larry Schmokel officiating.

Evelyn Zumbrun played "Release Me," "Go Rest High On That Mountain," "The Old Rugged Cross" and "Amazing Grace" during the organ prelude and postlude.

American Legion Post 98 presented military honors at the conclusion of the service at the funeral home. Bill Wheeler served as commander and Dean Ramsey served as chaplain. The firing squad included Bill Hare as commander, Ted Hare, Paul Brower, Paul Thompson, Bill Rea and Homer Wells. Joe Hare served as bugler.

The committal service was Monday afternoon at Rankin Cemetery near Bunker Hill. Casketbearers were Jarod Baker, Steven King, Eric Line, Larry Line, Jim Rhineberger and Richard Kile.

Mr. Fox, husband of Bonita L. (Klingerman) Fox, died Wednesday, Jan. 5.

Jane F. Sunderland, 78

April 14, 1926 - Jan. 10, 2005

Jane F. Sunderland, 78, of Fort Wayne, died Monday, Jan. 10, 2005 at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was born on April 14, 1926 in Fort Wayne.

Her husband, Robert G. Sunderland died in 2002.

A homemaker, her memberships included Queen of Angels Catholic Church and its Rosary Society, National Catholic Society of Foresters, past president; Daughter of Isabelle, past president; and St. Joseph Hospital auxiliary.

Survivors include five daughters, Judith (Kent) Mick, Patricia Sunderland and Ann (Jay) Leonard, all of Fort Wayne; Diana (John) Frederick of New Haven; and Rita (Bill) Townsend of Chicago; three sons, Robert (Tamara) Sunderland of Columbia City; Charles (Teresa) Sunderland of Ashley, and Timothy (Janet) Sunderland of Fort Wayne; a brother, Bernard (Dorothy) Schenkel of Fort Wayne; a sister, Joan Rosswurm of Fort Wayne; 18 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by brothers, Bob, Pete, Carl and Ed; and sisters, Margaret, Marie and Helen.

The funeral service is at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 15, at Queen of Angels Catholic Church, 1500 W. State Blvd., with Fr. Mark Gurtner officiating. Visitation is from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Friday, with a vigil service at 3:30 p.m. at C.M. Sloan & Sons Funeral Home, 1327 N. Wells St. Calling also one hour prior to the service at the church Saturday. Burial is at Catholic Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Robert and Jane Sunderland Scholarship Endowment Fund, in care of Bishop Dwenger High School, or Queen of Angels Catholic School.

Paul R. Fingerle, 97

Jan. 3, 1908 - Jan. 10, 2005

Paul R. Fingerle, 97, of North Manchester, died at 9 p.m. Monday, Jan. 10, 2005 at Peabody Healthcare Center in North Manchester.

Born on Jan. 3, 1908 in Tippecanoe County, he was a son of Abraham L. and Elizabeth (Wagoner) Fingerle.

On Feb. 22, 1931 he was united in marriage to Zelma G. Blocher. She died March 10, 1996.

A retired carpenter, he was a member of Eel River Old German Baptist Brethren Church.

Survivors include two sons, Denver Fingerle of Elkhart and Devon Fingerle of Sarasota, Fla.; a daughter, Delores Maloy of Columbia City; 14 grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

In addition to his parents and his wife, he was preceded in death by a son, Dallas; a grandchild; two brothers and a sister.

The funeral service is at 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 15, at Eel River Old German Baptist Brethren Church, Silver Lake, with home brethren officiating. Visitation is from 2 to 7 p.m. Friday at DeLaughter-McKee Mortuary, North Manchester Chapel. Burial is at Eel River Old German Baptist Brethren Cemetery.

Leeuw service

Father Daniel R. Leeuw, chaplain of Sacred Heart Home, officiated at the funeral mass for Lois E. Leeuw, 70, on Monday, Jan. 10, 2005 at St. Catherine's Catholic Church, Nix Settlement.

Music included "How Great Thou Art" and "On Eagles Wings" with "Hail, Holy Queen" as postlude by Judy Kehmeyer. Cantor was Kurt Kehmeyer and servers were Chelsea and Jaclyn Leeuw.

Casketbearers were Ed, Matt, Joe, John and Bill Leeuw and Dave Wilfong. Burial was at Covington Memorial Gardens Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Randy Grimes presided at a family prayer service, with Sharon Brockhaus reading a poem, "The Star," prior to the funeral mass. A rosary service was conducted Sunday evening at the funeral home by Father Leeuw.

Mrs. Leeuw, wife of Edward A. Leeuw, and mother of Ed, Matt, Joe, John and Bill, died Thursday, Jan. 6.

The service was arranged by DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home.

Michel service

The funeral service for Robert G. Michel, 72, was Sunday, Jan. 9, 2005 at Columbia City United Methodist Church with the Rev. Dr. Jack Scott officiating. The grandchildren shared special reflections and Pastor Scott read personal reflections from Bob's four children, David Michel, Vicki Bowers, Mary Kay Walters and Rick Michel.

Evelyn Zumbrun played a variety of hymns during the organ prelude and postlude. Congregational hymns were "Precious Lord,

Take My Hand" and "Amazing Grace." Jim Walters, a son-in-law, accompanied by David Michel, sang "First Family" by Rich Mullins to begin the service.

The committal service followed at South Whitley Cemetery. Casketbearers were Greg Michel, Kevin Michel, Danny Michel, Denny Butler, Mike Puckett, Brad Michel, Larry Meinika and Doug Rice.

Mr. Michel, husband of Carole (Luton) Larson Michel, died Monday, Jan. 3.

Arrangements were completed by Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City.

Bates service

The funeral service for Ilene M. Bates, 87, was Tuesday, Jan. 11, 2005 at Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City, with the Rev. Terry Zolman, pastor of Merriam Christian Chapel Church, officiating.

Evelyn Zumbrun played a variety of hymns during the organ prelude and postlude including "In the Garden," "Amazing Grace" and "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere."

The committal service followed at South Whitley Cemetery. Casketbearers were Chad Zolman, Russell Wells Jr., Eric Wolf, Max Cox, Travis Rider and Gerald Kramer.

Mrs. Bates, widow of Franklin E. "Gene" Bates, and mother of Sharon Wolf and Sandra Cox, died Friday, Jan. 7.

Pittenger service

The funeral service for Joe Mack Pittenger Sr., 83, was Tuesday, Jan. 11, 2005 at Oak Grove Church of God, with the Rev. Mark Goeglein officiating. Laura Pittenger, a granddaughter, provided scripture and reflections.

Carolyn Hindbaugh played a variety of hymns during the piano prelude and postlude. Valory Pittenger, a step-daughter, sang "In the Garden" to begin the service and "May the Lord Bless You and Keep You" to conclude the service. Britney Kolkman, a granddaughter, sang "Legacy" during the service.

The committal service followed at Oak Grove Cemetery. Relatives serving as casketbearers were Tim Pittenger, Lance Pittenger, Stefan Pittenger, Greg Kolkman, John McLaughlin, Dave Moore and Brandon Moore.

Mr. Pittenger, husband of Mary Lou (Crawford) Pittenger and father of Joe M. Pittenger Jr. and Tamara Arnold, died Friday, Jan. 7.

Arrangements were completed by Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City.

Richard J. Vodde, 87

May 3, 1919 - Jan. 12, 2005

Richard J. Vodde, 87, of Decatur, died Wednesday, Jan. 12, 2005 at Woodcrest Nursing Home in Decatur.

Born on May 3, 1917 in Fort Wayne, he was a son of Joseph I. and Ethel M. (Besson) Vodde.

His wife, the former Ruth Shaw, died in 2001.

He retired in 1979 from Conrail, after 39 years with the company, formerly known as Penn Central and the Pennsylvania Railroad.

A member of First United Methodist Church, Decatur, he was also a member of Roanoke Lodge No. 195, F.&A.M., Roanoke Chapter No. 62, O.E.S. and Scottish Rite.

Survivors include his son, James R. (Debra) Vodde of Troy, Ohio; a daughter, LeAnna J. (Al) Noble of Decatur; five grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

The funeral service is 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 15, at Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Home, Winchester Road Chapel, 6424 Winchester Road, with calling one hour prior to service. Calling also from 4 to 7 p.m. Friday with Masonic service at 7 p.m. Burial is at Lindenwood Cemetery.

Preferred memorials are First United Methodist Church, music ministry, or Cancer Services of Allen County.

Ruben C. Newton, 70

Dec. 2, 1934 - Jan. 12, 2005

Ruben C. Newton, 70, of Columbia City, died at 7:59 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 12, 2005 at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Born in Breathitt County, Ky. on Dec. 2, 1934, a son of Roscoe and Vena (Morris) Newton, he was educated in the Breathitt County schools. He then moved to Mt. Sterling, Ky.

His marriage to Ruby C. Banks was on Oct. 8, 1953 in Mt. Sterling. They moved to Columbia City in 1960.

Employed with Holmes Lumber Company in Columbia City from 1961 to 1998, when he retired, he worked part-time with the Kroger Company in Columbia City until April 2004.

He was a member of Freewill Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Ruby; two daughters, Deb Newton of Columbia City, and Brenda J. (John) Honeywell of Fort Wayne; a grandson, a granddaughter, a great-granddaughter; a sister, Ruby Brooks of Mt. Sterling; two brothers, David Napier of Mt. Sterling and Ronnie Creech of Interlochie, Fla.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a son, Charles Douglas Newton and a brother, Ray Creech.

Visitation is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. today at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Drive in Columbia City. The funeral service is at 10 a.m. Saturday with the Rev. Chad Burkhart, of Victory Christian Center in Warsaw, officiating. Burial is at Hope Lutheran Cemetery, Coesse.

To send condolences, sign the family guest register book, or to light a remembrance candle, log onto www.demoneygrimes.com.



Newton

Eastes service

The funeral service for Ethelyn G. Eastes, 92, was Wednesday morning, Jan. 12, 2005 at St. John's Lutheran Church, rural Columbia City, with the Rev. David Mommens officiating.

Marilyn Kerch played a variety of hymns during the organ prelude and postlude including "Face to Face." Congregational hymns were "Beautiful Savior," "Abide With Me" and "For All the Saints."

The committal service was Wednesday afternoon at Riverside Cemetery in Three Rivers, Mich. Casketbearers were David Eastes, Delman Eastes, Doug Eastes, John Eastes, Bruce Dircks and Dan Noll.

Mrs. Eastes, widow of Earl G. Eastes, died Friday, Jan. 7.

Arrangements were completed by Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City.

Poole service

The funeral service for F. Henry "Hank" Poole, 73, was Thursday, Jan. 13, 2005 at Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City, with Pastor Robert Chapman, a son-in-law, officiating.

A variety of hymns were played during the prelude and postlude including "On Eagles Wings/Wind Beneath My Wings," "In the Garden" and "Amazing Grace." "The Old Rugged Cross" was played during the service and "Love Lifted Me" was played at the conclusion of the service.

The committal service followed at South Park Annex Cemetery, Columbia City. Casketbearers were T.J. Baker, Joseph Babcock, Joshua Babcock, Ben Poole, Eric Dunaway and Rodger Wardlow.

Mr. Poole, father of local resident, Shanna Chapman, died Sunday, Jan. 9.

Ned P. Follis, 80

Sept. 23, 1924 - Jan. 13, 2005

Ned P. Follis, 80, of Fort Wayne, died Thursday, Jan. 13, 2005 at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Born on Sept. 23, 1924 in Fort Wayne, he as a son of Lewis and Sylvia (Weaver) Follis.

A World War II U.S. Navy veteran, he was discharged in 1946.

A supervisor of quality engineering at Dana Corp, he retired in 1983 after 37 years.

He was a member of Resurrection Lutheran Church.

Among survivors is his wife, Gloria (Caine) Follis; a son, Michael (the Rev. Judith) Follis of Whitley County; and two grandsons.

His former spouse, Dorothea Follis, died April 16, 2000.

The funeral service is at 11 p.m. today at Resurrection Lutheran Church, 7401 Coldwater Road, Fort Wayne, with burial at Greenlawn Memorial Park Cemetery.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to the church.

Arrangements are by C.M. Sloan & Sons Funeral Home, 1327 N. Wells St.



Follis

Mary Ellen Moore, 87

May 19, 1917 - Jan. 16, 2005

Mary Ellen Moore, 87, of Indianapolis, formerly of Columbia City, died Sunday, Jan. 16, 2005.

Born on May 19, 1917 in Thayer, she was a daughter of Mann Sr. and Georgia (West) Spitler.

On June 11, 1938 she married Maurice E. Moore in Porter County. He died March 9, 1993.

A homemaker, she was a member of Olive Branch Christian Church.

Survivors include two daughters, Phyllis E. (Lee J.) Hyland of Indianapolis, and Helen I. (Jack T.) Marsh of Rochester; a son, Gary Lee Moore of Red Mountain, Calif. seven grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and a brother, West Spitler of Albuquerque, N. M.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by a brother, Mann Spitler Jr. and a sister, Rebecca Walsh.

The funeral service is at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 20, at Singleton Community Mortuary and Memorial Center, 7601 Madison Ave., Indianapolis, with calling from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday. Interment is at Covington Memorial Gardens in Fort Wayne.

Memorials may be directed to the Alzheimer's Association.

Newton service

The Rev. Chad Burkhardt, of Victory Christian Center, officiated at the funeral service for Ruben C. Newton, 70, on Saturday, Jan. 15, 2005 at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral

Home in Columbia City.

The organ prelude included "How Great Thou Art," "Amazing Grace" and "Mansion Over the Hilltop," with "Life's Railway to Heaven" as postlude by Evelyn Stemen. Special compact disc selections were "Remember When" by Alan Jackson, "If Heaven" by Andy Griggs and "Long Black Train" by Josh Turner.

A video celebrating Mr. Newton's life was shown before dismissing family and friends.

Casketbearers were Bobby and Steve Stewart, Jackie and Mike Rohrer, Ed Banks and Ray Smith. Burial was at Hope Lutheran Cemetery, Coesse.

Mr. Newton, husband of Ruby C. Newton and father of Deb Newton and Brenda Honeywell, died Wednesday, Jan. 12.

Malana F. Alvey, 42

July 31, 1962 - Jan. 14, 2005

Malana F. Alvey, 42, of Daizy, Ark., died at 4:15 a.m. Friday, Jan. 14, 2005.

Born on July 31, 1962 in Whitley County, a daughter of Cecil J. and Mildred A. (Hursey) Harrison, she attended Columbia City Joint High School.

She married Steve Alvey in St. Louis, Mo.

A homemaker, she had lived in Whitley County until moving to Arkansas in November of 2004.

Survivors include her husband, Steve of Daizy; a daughter, Amanda Alvey, a son, Corey Alvey, a sister, Shawn Foster; a brother, Shannon (Kathy) Harrison, all of Columbia City; and a brother, Cecil (Kathy) Harrison of Noble County.

She was preceded in death by her parents, grandparents and three sisters.

Visitation is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 19, at Eagle Quest Church, State Road 109 North, Columbia City. A private graveside service will take place, with the Rev. Richard Pride officiating.

Memorial requests are to Shoda-Wilkinson Funeral Home.

Charlene Jane Rodman, 64

May 31, 1940 - Jan. 18, 2004

Charlene Jane Rodman, 64, of Columbia City, died at 1:18 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 18, 2005 at Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

Born on May 31, 1940 at Wolf Lake, a daughter of Herman Ford and Wilma Marie (Smith) Keister, she was raised at Wolf Lake and graduated from Wolf Lake High School in 1958.

After graduation, she lived in Germany from 1958 to 1968.

She married James L. Rodman on Dec. 12, 1970 in Clintonwood, Va. Her adult life was spent in Indiana towns of Bourbon, Claypool, Warsaw, Rochester and Columbia City.



Rodman

A homemaker, she did babysitting for many years and was a member of Redeemer Lutheran

Church in Warsaw. She was also a Den Mother for the Boy Scouts in Kosciusko County.

Survivors include her husband, James; sons, Lee Alan Rodman and James R. Lee Rodman, both of Columbia City; a daughter, Tina Lee (Terry) Johnson of Merrillville; her mother, Wilma Keister of Columbia City; a brother, Laurel H. (Clara) Keister of Wolf Lake; one grandchild and two great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her father.

Visitation is from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 20, at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Drive in Columbia City. The funeral is at 10:30 a.m. Friday at the funeral home with the Rev. John Cummings, of Community Bible Church in Columbia City, officiating.

Memorials may be given in Mrs. Rodman's memory to the American Cancer Society or to Visiting Nurse and Hospice.

To send condolences, sign the family guest register, or to light a remembrance candle, log onto www.demoneygrimes.com.

Gail 'Cricket' Gregg, 86

Sept. 23, 1918 - Jan. 18, 2005

Gail "Cricket" Gregg, 86, of Columbia City, died at 2:30 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 18, 2005 at Miller's Merry Manor in Columbia City.

Born on Sept. 23, 1918, a son of Clinton A. and Maude (Betzner) Gregg, he graduated in 1937 from Columbia City High School.

He married Edith B. Putman in New York.

A lifetime Whitley County resident, he retired in 1980 after 32 years of service with Dana Corporation in Fort Wayne.

He was a member of Eagles Lodge 1906 in Columbia City.

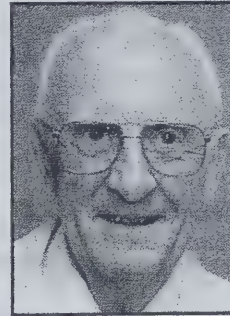
Survivors include a son, Richard (Jennifer) Gregg of Duluth, Ga.; a step-daughter, Mary Jo (Jim) Burkett of Columbia City; a step-son, Henry Gunder of Fort Wayne; five step-grandchildren; six step-great-grandchildren; and sisters-in-law, Betty Ballard and Helen Carter, both of Columbia City.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife and a sister, Margorie Bridge.

Visitation is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 20, at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Drive in Columbia City. The funeral service is at 1 p.m. Friday at the funeral home with the Rev. John Cummings, of Community Bible Church in Columbia City, officiating. Burial is at South Whitley Cemetery.

Memorial bequests may be given in memory of Mr. Gregg to the March of Dimes.

To send condolences, sign the family guest register, or to light a remembrance candle, log onto www.demoneygrimes.com.



Gregg

June R. Ostermeier, 57

Aug. 10, 1947 - Jan. 17, 2005

June R. Ostermeier, 57, a resident of Huntertown since 1970, died unexpectedly Monday morning, Jan. 17, 2005 in the emergency room of Dupont Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Born on Aug. 10, 1947 in Auburn, a daughter of Robert and Doris J. (Stonebraker) Fredrick, she was a 1966 graduate of Huntertown High School.

On Sept. 16, 1966 she was united in marriage to Terry J. Ostermeier.

Before moving to Huntertown she and her husband lived in the Leo/Cedarville area of Allen County.

She was owner and operator of the Mills Café in Butler for the past four years and had worked at the café for about nine years before purchasing the business. She had also worked as a journeyman apprentice bricklayer for 13 years prior to that.

Survivors include her husband, Terry; a daughter, Allisa K. Ostermeier of Huntertown; her mother, Doris Fredrick of Huntertown; brothers, James (Karen) Fredrick of Wolcottville, and Jack (Lori) Fredrick of Huntertown; a sister, Amy (Lynn) Zehr of Huntertown; two grandchildren and one step-granddaughter.

She was preceded in death by her father; a sister, Cindy L. Fredrick and an uncle.

A memorial service is at 1 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 23, at Huntertown United Methodist Church with Pastor Sherri Long officiating. The family will receive friends from noon until service time.

For those who wish, memorials may be directed to Terry Ostermeier to help with funeral finances. Envelopes are available at the funeral home.

The cremated remains will be interred at the convenience of the family.

Sheets and Childs Funeral Home of Churubusco is entrusted with the arrangements.

Condolences may be e-mailed to the family at sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

Judith L. Schillace, 64

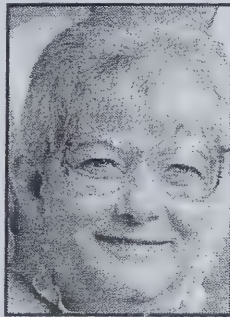
Oct. 14, 1940 - Jan. 19, 2005

Judith L. Schillace, 64, a resident of Union Township, Whitley County, died at 8:30 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 19, 2005 at her home. She had

been in failing health.

Born on Oct. 14, 1940 in Fort Wayne, she was a daughter of Carl and Garnett (Moser) LeFever.

As a teenager, her family moved to Columbia City and her education was completed at Columbia City Joint High School.

**Schillace**

On March 23, 1957 she was united in marriage to Peter S. Schillace. They made their home in San Diego, Calif. for a year while he served in the U.S. Navy, then they returned to the Columbia City area.

In 1971 they made their home in New Haven for two years then Smith Township, Whitley County, until 1989 when they moved to Phoenix, Ariz. In 1996 they returned to New Haven until 1998 when they moved to their present home in Union Township.

She was employed at North American Van Lines from 1960 until 1989 and Parker in New Haven from 1996 until 2004.

Her memberships include St. Paul of the Cross Catholic Church.

Surviving relatives include her husband, Peter, two sons, Anthony Schillace and Peter Schillace II, both of Columbia City; three grandchildren, her mother, Garnett (Robert) Norris of Columbia City, and two brothers, Neil LeFever of Angola and Lyle LeFever of Columbia City.

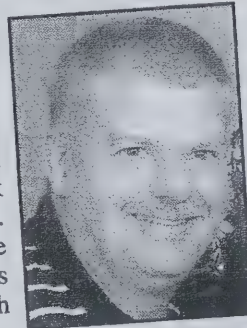
The funeral mass is at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 22 at St. Paul of the Cross Catholic Church, 315 S. Line St., Columbia City, with visitation one hour prior to the service. Visitation is also from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City, with a prayer service at 4 p.m.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to Parkview Hospice.

Brian Scott Daniels. 39

Dec. 12, 1956 - Jan. 18, 2005

Brian S. Daniels, 39, of Larwill, died at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 18, 2005 at Parkview Whitley Hospital in Columbia City.

**Daniels**

Born on Dec. 12, 1965 in Fort Wayne, Allen County, a son of Frederick N. and Barbara J. (Hofrichter) Daniels, he graduated with the Class of 1985 from Carroll High School. He had always resided in Allen and Whitley counties.

He married Ellen M. Weybright on Dec. 5, 1997 in Columbia City.

Employed as a factory worker (CNC), for Busche Enterprise in Albion, he had previously worked for Paramount Tube and Essex, Columbia City.

An avid deer hunter, he was a member and trustee of New Hope Wesleyan Church, rural Columbia City.

Survivors include his wife, Ellen; two sons, Jared Oberley and Kyle Daniels, both of Larwill; a daughter, Katelyn Daniels of Larwill; his parents, Frederick and Barbara Daniels of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Rebecca (Tom) Neuhaus of Fort Wayne, and Pam (Scott) Kipfer of Spencerville; a grandmother, Ellen Hofrichter of Fort Wayne; and three nephews.

Visitation is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 21, at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Drive in Columbia City. The funeral service is at 10 a.m. Saturday at the funeral home with Pastor Barry Faucett of New Hope Wesleyan Church, officiating. Burial is at South Whitley Cemetery.

Memorials gifts may be given in Mr. Daniels' memory to New Hope Wesleyan Church. Envelopes are available at the funeral home.

To send condolences, sign the family guest register book, or light a remembrance candle, visit www.demoneygrimes.com.

Betty M. Phillips, 75

Sept. 22, 1929 - Jan. 19, 2005

Betty M. Phillips, 75, of Columbia City, died at 7:03 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 19, 2005 in the emergency room at Parkview Whitley Hospital. She had been a resident at The Oaks Living Center since March 2004.

Born on Sept. 22, 1929 in Whitley County, she was a daughter of John and Etta (Rosenogle) McCullough. Her formative years were spent in Churubusco, where she graduated from Churubusco High School.

In 1965 she moved to Columbia City and was employed at Blue Bell and then Dana Weatherhead for 23 years.

Surviving relatives include four daughters, Cynthia Gerardot of Fort Wayne, Deborah (Kenneth) Adams, Kathy (Randy) Crawford, and Charlene (Thomas) Civileto, all of Columbia City; nine grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; two brothers, Thomas Eugene McCullough of Albion and David McCullough of Columbia City, and two sisters, Virginia Bair of Cromwell and Grace Ellen Crabill of Churubusco.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by three brothers, Gerald McCullough, Max McCullough and Roy McCullough; and a sister, Geraldine Weeks.

The funeral service is at 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 23 at Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City with the Rev. Thomas Beers, of Columbia City Church of the Nazarene, officiating. Burial is at Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam. Visitation is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to Columbia City Church of the Nazarene, Erin's House or American Lung Association.

**Phillips****Eldora M. Geyer, 87**

March 15, 1917 - Jan. 19, 2005

Eldora M. Geyer, 87, of Columbia City, died at 11:05 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 19, 2005, at LaPorte Hospital where she was admitted on Dec. 31, 2004.

Born on March 15, 1917 in Fort Wayne, a daughter of Oscar and Gertrude (Jackson) Bieberich, her formative years were spent in Fort Wayne. Her education was completed at Central High School.

On July 4, 1937 she was united in marriage to Raymond E. Geyer and they made their first home in Fort Wayne.

She was assistant medical records librarian at St. Joseph Hospital from 1950 until 1965. In 1953 they purchased a potato and mint farm in Collins and in 1963 turned it into one of the first sod farms in Indiana. In 1976 they sold the farm and moved to Bonita Springs, Fla. In Aug. 1991 they returned to Columbia City. Mr. Geyer died April 10, 1995.

Her memberships included Grace Lutheran Church.

Surviving relatives include a daughter, Myrna (Ralph) Bailey of Columbia City; a son, Ron Geyer of Michigan City; two granddaughters and two great-granddaughters.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by a brother, Robert Bieberich.

The funeral service is at 11 a.m. Monday, Jan. 24, at Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City, with the Rev. J. Phillip Blake officiating. Burial is at Eel River Cemetery near Churubusco. There is no visitation.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to VNA Hospice.

Norman Egolf, 87

Oct. 28, 1917 - Jan. 21, 2005

Norman Egolf, 87, a resident of rural Churubusco, died early Friday morning, Jan. 21, 2005 at his residence following an extended illness.

Born on Oct. 28, 1917 in Fort Wayne, a son of Paul and Alta (Hawk) Egolf, he moved to Larwill

as a young boy and came to Churubusco with his parents as a youth. He graduated from Churubusco High School in 1936.

He was united in marriage to Inabelle Veasey on June 10, 1939 in Goshen.

A Smith Township farmer most of his adult life, as a young man he worked for John Worthman Home Builders and then on the family farm west of Churubusco.

He was a member of Churubusco United Methodist Church and Whitley County Farm Bureau.

Survivors include his wife, Inabelle; a daughter, Beverly (David) Solomom of Fort Wayne; a son, Robert A. (Lois) Egolf of Churubusco; a brother, Roger Egolf of Fort Wayne; sisters Bea Leitch of Churubusco and Phyllis Miller of Columbia City; five grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; seven step grandchildren and four step-great-grandchildren.



Egolf

The funeral service is at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 25, at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco, with Pastor Christine Newman-Jacobs officiating. Burial is at Riverview Cemetery, south of Churubusco. The family will receive friends from 3 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

For those who wish, memorials may be directed to the Churubusco United Methodist Church, or Visiting Nurse Service and Hospice. Envelopes are available at the funeral home.

Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

Paul D. Young, 74

Dec. 12, 1930 - Jan. 20, 2005

Paul D. Young, 74, a resident of Smalley Lake, near Kimmell, died Thursday, Jan. 20, 2005 at his home.

He was born on Dec. 12, 1930 in Robins, Tenn., a son of Samuel S. and Nannie Emerick Young. His formative years were spent in Robins where he completed his education in the public schools.

Later, he moved to Dayton, Ohio where he was employed for six years by the Delco Products Company. After seven years in Detroit where he was employed in an automotive factory, he moved to Goshen and was employed by the Sea Nymph Boat Company in Syracuse. He retired from the Smoker Craft Company in New Paris where he was a line foreman and later a repairman.

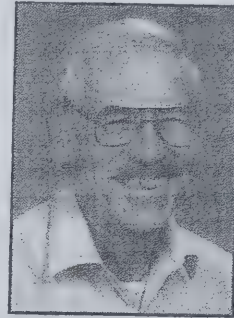
In 1985, he moved to his present home at Smalley Lake.

On Feb. 21, 1987, he was united in marriage to Deborah E. Ellison. The surviving relatives also include two sons, Paul "Steve" Young and Ronnie S. Young, Greenville, Ohio and Kayla L. Young, at home; several grandchildren and great grandchildren; a brother, John Samuel Young in California; two sisters, Mae Sutter, Greenville Ohio and Rheba Chambers of Muncie.

He was preceded in death by a son, Roy Lee Young, a brother, Stan Young; sisters, Zitta Kennedy, Wilma Sutter, Arlena Stocker and Celia Franklin.

The funeral service will be held at 3 p.m. Monday in the Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with Pastor Robert Kimmell, of the New Hope Baptist Church, officiating. The burial will be in the Thorn Cemetery at Ormas. The visitation will be two hours before the service Monday at the funeral home.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to the Parkview Home Health and Hospice.



Young

Harold S. Boggs, 79

Sept. 8, 1925 - Jan. 18, 2005

Harold S. Boggs, 79, a resident of Tavares, Fla. since 2000 died at the Ruleme Center in Eustis, Fla. on Tuesday, Jan. 18, 2005.

He formerly lived in rural Allen County prior to moving to Florida.

Born on Sept. 8, 1925 in Allen County, he was a son of Adam S. and Mamie (Cross) Boggs.

A U.S. Navy veteran, he served during World War II and retired in 1983 as a drill press operator with International Harvester Co. in Fort Wayne.

He was united in marriage to Marsaleete Shively on Jan. 14, 1950 in Churubusco.

Survivors include his wife, Marsaleete; sons, Steven E. Boggs of Fort Wayne and Jeffery L. (MiSue) Boggs of Columbus, Ga.; a brother, Richard (Eleanor) Boggs of Tucson, Ariz.; a sister, Sarah Leone "Susie" (John) Stemen of Butler; seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

The funeral service is at 11 a.m. Monday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco, with Pastor Fred Woodward officiating. Burial is at Covington Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Fort Wayne. The family will receive friends from 2 to 6 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.



Boggs

Rodman service

The Rev. John Cummings of Community Bible Church, officiated at the funeral service for Charlene Jane Rodman, 64, on Friday, Jan. 21, 2005 at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home in Columbia City.

Evelyn Stemen included "Faith Unlocks the Door," "Life High the Cross" and "Whispering Hope" in the organ prelude, with "On Eagles Wings" as postlude.

Mrs. Rodman, wife of James L. Rodman and mother of Lee Alan and James R. Lee Rodman and Tina Lee Johnson, died Tuesday, Jan. 18.

Gregg service

The Rev. John Cummings of Community Bible Church officiated at the funeral service for Gail "Cricket" Gregg, 86, on Friday, Jan. 21, 2005 at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home in Columbia City.

Evelyn Stemen included "Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow," "Nearer My God to Thee," "Rock of Ages" and "Take My Hand Precious Lord" as organ prelude, with "O That Will Be Glory for Me" as postlude.

Casketbearers were Jim, John, Christopher and Micah Burkett and Scott Yoder. Burial was at South Whitley Cemetery, South Whitley.

Mr. Gregg, father of Richard Gregg and step-father of Mary Jo Burkett and Henry Gunder, died Tuesday, Jan. 18.

Senator F. Dale Barrett, 82 Represented Whitley County

Senator F. Dale Barrett, 82 of Angola, formerly of Churubusco, died Sunday, Jan. 23, 2005 at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Born on March 1, 1922 in Decatur, Ill., he worked at International Harvester for 35 years and was a State Senator, serving Whitley County, from 1958 to 1962.

He was chairman of the Welfare and Social Security Committee, Central Labor Council, study committee for Not-For-Profit Trade Schools and was active in union labor work.

A World War II U.S. Navy veteran, he was a member of Knights of Columbus and St. Anthony Catholic Church, Angola.

Survivors include his wife, Margaret (Wise) Barrett; sons, David Barrett of Fort Wayne; Michael Barrett of Grabill; Patrick Barrett of Auburn and John Barrett of Fremont; daughters, Elizabeth Hansbarger of Angola and Jeanne Oritz of Philadelphia; a brother, Dean Barrett of Fort Wayne; a sister, Arlene Evans of Greenwood; 14 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

The funeral service is at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 26, at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Ege. Visitation is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, with a prayer service at 7:30 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home, 207 N. West St., Angola. Burial is at Immaculate Conception Cemetery, Ege.

Memorials may be made to American Heart Association.



Donald W. Chapman, 82

Aug. 23, 1922 - Jan. 23, 2005

Donald W. Chapman, 82, of Columbia City, died at 3:50 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 23, 2005 at The Oaks Living Center Nursing Home in Columbia City.

Born on Aug. 23, 1922 in Thorncreek Township, Whitley County, a son of Floyd and Gladys (Betzner) Chapman, he graduated from Columbia City High School with the Class of 1939.

He moved to Columbia City from Thorncreek Township in 1943 and since then had been a continuous resident.

He served in the U.S. Army during World War II.

His marriage to Edith M. Schrader took place on May 21, 1943 in Columbia City.

Following his discharge from the military, he and his cousin entered the family business of C.W. Schrader & Sons. He then became co-owner and service manager of the Chrysler-DeSota-Plymouth dealership in Columbia City.

In 1977 he retired and took a position with Teghtmeyer's Ace Hardware, working for four years. In 1984 he began employment as a courier with C&R Plating in Columbia City.

A member of Columbia City United Methodist Church, he was a former member of Columbia City Kiwanis Club and Little Turtle Trail Seekers.

Survivors include a son, James A. Chapman of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Julia A. (Ronald) McQueen of Columbia City; three grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; two sisters, Arlene (William) Jones of Columbia City, and Martha Lane of Muncie.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Edith, and a brother, Phil J. Chapman.

Visitation is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 25, at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Drive in Columbia City. The funeral service is at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the funeral

home with the Pastor C. Jack Scott officiating. Burial is at Nolt Cemetery, Columbia City.

Memorial gifts may be given in Mr. Chapman's memory to Columbia City United Methodist Church. Envelopes are available at the funeral home.

To send condolences, sign the family guest register book or to light a memorial candle, log onto www.demoneygrimes.com.



Chapman

Schillace service

The funeral mass for Judith L. Schillace, 64, was Saturday, Jan. 22, 2005 at St. Paul of the Cross Catholic Church in Columbia City, with Father Anthony Ekwunife as celebrant and Deacon Joseph Zickgraf assisting. Mike Wright provided the readings. Zachery Rupp and Jeremy Hinen were servers.

Joanna Ewing played a variety of hymns during the prelude and postlude. Jessica Smith was cantor and sang "Ave Maria" for the Communion hymn. The gathering hymn was "Be Not Afraid," the offertory hymn was "The Lord Is My Light" and the closing hymn was "Soon and Very Soon."

A prayer service led by Deacon Zickgraf was Friday evening at Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City.

Mrs. Schillace, wife of Peter S. Schillace and mother of Anthony Schillace and Peter Schillace II, died Wednesday, Jan. 19.

Phillips service

The funeral service for Betty M. Phillips, 75, was Sunday, Jan. 23, 2005 at Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City with the Rev. Thomas Beers of Columbia City Church of the Nazarene officiating.

Mary Beth Johnson played a variety of hymns during the prelude and postlude including "How Great Thou Art." During the service Sandy Woll sang "Wind Beneath My Wings," Brad Yoder sang, "It Is Well With My Soul" and Mike Johnson sang, "His Eye Is On the Sparrow."

Burial followed at Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam. Casketbearers were Jerry Utter, Michael Webb, Eric Crawford, Bryce Emerick, Dennis Ogden and Shawn Ogden.

Ms. Phillips, mother of Cynthia Gerardot, Deborah (Kenneth) Adams, Kathy (Randy) Crawford and Charlene (Thomas) Civileto, died Wednesday, Jan. 19.

Fredona Wiseman, 78

Sept. 28, 1926 - Jan. 23, 2005

Fredona Wiseman, 78, of Winona Lake, died at 7:35 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 23, 2005. She was a resident at Grace Village Retirement Center, coming from Miller's Assisted Living in Warsaw.

Born on Sept. 28, 1926 in Noble County, a daughter of Abie and Vera (Surfus) Stump, she graduated from Wolf Lake High School in 1945 and Fort Wayne International Business College in 1946.

In November of 1946 she married Paul Swonger and was later divorced. In July of 1977 she married Jack Wiseman, who preceded her in death on Dec. 18, 1995.

She retired from Zimmer as a pin grinder in 1987.

Active at Warsaw Wesleyan Church, she was a greeter and a volunteer at KCH for many years. She also delivered Mobile Meals and was a member of the 8 Square Home Extension Club. She enjoyed her family and friends, as well as gardening and growing beautiful flowers.

Survivors include two daughters, Diana (Phil) Herrick of Warsaw, and Vickie (John) Wyatt of Columbia City; three grandchildren; five step-grandchildren; two great-grandchildren, and three step-great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and second husband, she was preceded in death by a grandson.

Visitation is from 2 to 8 p.m. today at Titus Funeral Home in Warsaw. The funeral service is at 1 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home, with Pastor Wanda Carter officiating. Burial is at Salem Cemetery, Wilmot.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to Kosciusko Home Care & Hospice, P.O. Box 1196, Warsaw, IN 46581; or Warsaw Wesleyan Church, 2402 Old U.S. 30 West, Warsaw, 46582.



Wiseman

Robert D. Clevenger, 70

Dec. 16, 1934 - Jan. 23, 2005

Robert D. Clevenger, 70, a Farmland resident, died Sunday, Jan. 23, 2005 in Columbia City, following a short illness.

Born on Dec. 16, 1934, he was a son of Marion and Crystal (Ward) Clevenger.

He retired from Anchor Glass in Winchester in 1992 after 40 years of service.

Survivors include a son, John (Liana) Clevenger of Columbia City; a brother, Alan (Vickie) Clevenger of Redkey; two granddaughters and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his wife of 28 years, Elma (Special) Clevenger in 1984.

The funeral service is at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 26, at Thornburg Funeral Home, SR 32 East, Parker City, with Pastor Gary Campbell officiating. Burial will follow in Buena Vista Cemetery, south of Farmland. Friends and family may call at the funeral home from 5 to 7 p.m. today.

Online condolences may be directed to fdthornburg@comcast.net.

Geiger service

The funeral service for Eldora M. Geyer, 87, was Monday, Jan. 24, 2005 at Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City, with the Rev. J. Phillip Blake officiating.

A variety of hymns were played during the prelude and postlude.

Burial followed at Eel River Cemetery, near Churubusco.

Mrs. Geyer, widow of Raymond E. Geyer and mother of Myrna (Ralph) Bailey and Ron Geyer, died Wednesday, Jan. 19.

Young service

The funeral service for Paul D. Young, 74, was Monday, Jan. 24, 2005 at Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City, with Robert Kimmell officiating.

A variety of hymns and favorite selections were played during the prelude and postlude including "Stop and Smell the Roses" and "How Great Thou Art."

Burial followed at Thorn Cemetery, Ormas. Casketbearers were Russ Chandler, Bob Eloph, Garnett Kennedy, Brian Erb, Larry Erb, Allan Yoder and Charles Kennedy.

Mr. Young, husband of Deborah E. (Ellison) Young, died Thursday, Jan. 20.

Daniels service

Pastor Barry Faucett of New Hope Wesleyan Church, officiated at the funeral service for Brian S. Daniels, 39, on Saturday, Jan. 22, 2005 at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home in Columbia City.

Glenna Singer included "Victory In Jesus," "I'll Fly Away" and "This World Is Not My Home" in the organ prelude. Vocalist Terry Martin sang "Wayfaring Stranger" and "Homesick." A video celebrating Mr. Daniels' life was shown before dismissing family and friends.

Casketbearers were Scott Kipfer, Tom Neuhaus, John, Jerry and Joe Hofrichter, Frank Thompson, Joe Wolf, Phillip Schnorr, Dwight Alexander and Brandon Faucett. Honorary bearers were Bruce Klingaman, Brian Krider, Brian Taylor and Bill Tucker. Burial was at South Whitley Cemetery.

Mr. Daniels, husband of Ellen Daniels and father of Jared Oberley, and Kyle and Katelyn Daniels died Tuesday, Jan. 18.

Jill Ann Cremeens, 51

Oct. 20, 1953 - Jan. 23, 2005

Jill Ann Cremeens, 51, of Pierceton, died at 9:40 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 23, 2005 at Miller's Merry Manor in Huntington.

Born on Oct. 20, 1953 in Warsaw, a daughter of Harold Dale and Mary Alice (Vanator) Cremeens, she graduated in 1972 from Columbia City Joint High School.

A lifelong area resident, she worked in the retail industry and was an accomplished seamstress.

Survivors include a son, Jerred (Jennifer) Reiff of Pierceton; a daughter, Amber Burnworth of Huntington; a grandson; two sisters, Gayle (Michael) McDaniel of Kokomo, and Glenda Cremeens of Eugene, Ore.; and a brother, Stan (Lori) Cremeens of Churubusco.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

There will be a private service with no visitation.

Mishler-Eastlund Funeral Home, Harris Chapel, Syracuse is assisting the family with arrangements.

Georgia L. DePoy, 86

Nov. 20, 1918 - Jan. 23, 2005

Georgia L. DePoy, 86, of Warsaw, died at 10:40 a.m. Sunday at Mason's Health Care in Warsaw.

Born on Nov. 20, 1918 in Huntington, she was a daughter of Willie and Alta (Sallors) Jackson.

She married Kenneth DePoy in Columbia City on May 8, 1938.

A Warsaw resident since 1949, she was cafeteria manager at Warsaw Community Schools (Washington Elementary).

She was a member of First United Methodist Church in Warsaw and its United Methodist Women, and Live and Learn Home Economics Club.

Survivors include four daughters, Linda Steinkamp of Fort Wayne; Rebecca Bieberich of

Muncie; Lorraine Zirkle and Christine Mannan, both of Warsaw; a brother, Garland Jackson of Long Beach, Calif.; eight grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband and two brothers.

The funeral service is at 10 a.m. Friday, Jan. 28, at First United Methodist Church, 179 S. Indiana St., Warsaw, with Pastor David Helm officiating. Visitation is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at McHatton-Sadler Funeral Chapel, 2290 Provident Court, Warsaw. Burial is at Oakwood Cemetery, Warsaw.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to First United Methodist Church.

Kenneth Edward Gillespie, 88

March 16, 1916 - Jan. 26, 2005

Kenneth Edward Gillespie, 88, a resident of Columbia City, died at 1:13 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 26, 2005 at his home.

Born on March 16, 1916 in Roanoke in Jackson Township, Huntington County, he was a son of Emery Dale and Lydia (Loutzenhiser) Gillespie. In 1924 his family moved to Jefferson Township, Whitley County and in 1932 to Columbia City.



Gillespie

On Jan. 31, 1933 he was united in marriage to Eloise Johnson. They lived nearly all their married life in Columbia City, moving to their home on Oak Street in 1950. Mrs. Gillespie died June 1, 2002.

He was employed at the Oriental Show-You Company from 1935 until 1940. During the 1940s, 1950s and 1960 he was employed at Weatherhead. In 1961 he joined Essex in Andrews where he served as superintendent and following the merge with United Technologies, he served as a consultant for several years until his retirement in 1979.

His memberships include Columbia City United Methodist Church, Eagles Lodge 1906, Modern Woodmen of America and was a former member of the Columbia City B.P.O.E. In the 1940s he served as assistant Boy Scout Master with Paul Gruver.

Surviving relatives include two daughters, Elizabeth Joan "Betty" (Richard "Dick") Michel of Huntington, and Dr. Marjorie Elaine (Dewey "Skip") Souers of Fort Wayne; six grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; a great-great-grandson; a step-great-great-grandson; and a brother, Dale Eugene Gillespie of Indianapolis.

In addition to his wife, he was preceded in death by a brother, John Morton Gillespie and a sister, Mary Ellen Matteson.

The funeral service is at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 29, at Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City, with the Rev. Jack Scott, of Columbia City United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial is at Jefferson Chapel Cemetery. Visitation is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Jill R. Zieg, 42

Jan. 7, 1963 - Jan. 25, 2005

Jill R. Zieg, 42, a resident of Fort Wayne, died Tuesday afternoon, Jan. 25, 2005 at Parkview Hospital, following a sudden illness.

Born on Jan. 7, 1963 in Fort Wayne, a daughter of Max and Marlene (Baumgardner) Boxell, she was a graduate of Angola High School with the Class of 1981. She had also attended Huntertown and Carroll schools.

She worked for the Three Rivers Federal Credit Union in the collections, debt recovery and fraud department.

Survivors include a daughter, Jessica N. Zieg, at home; her parents, Max and Marlene Boxell of Fort Wayne; a sister, Debra L. Fisher of Fort Wayne and a brother, Brent A. Boxell of Houston, Texas.

The funeral service is at 1 p.m. Friday, Jan. 28, at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco, with Pastor Bob Siegrist officiating. Burial is at Huntertown Cemetery, Huntertown. The family will receive friend from 5 to 7 p.m. today at the funeral home.

For those who wish, memorials may be directed to the Allen County Cancer services. Envelopes are available at the funeral home.

Condolence may be e-mailed to the family at sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

Doris Jean Brock, 73

Dec. 31, 1931 - Jan. 26, 2005

Doris Jean Brock, 73, of Fort Wayne and formerly of Jefferson Township, Whitley County, died at 9:45 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 26, 2005 at Beverly Rehab and Specialty Care Center in Fort Wayne.



Brock

Born on Dec. 31, 1931, a daughter of Lester A. and Ethel I. (Hollenbaugh) Brock, she had lived in Whitley and Allen counties her entire lifetime.

Survivors include a sister, LeEtta Wagner of Fort Wayne; a brother, Robert (June) Brock of Columbia City, and six nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Visitation is from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 29, at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Drive in Columbia City. Graveside service and burial will follow immediately at Jefferson Chapel (Sand Bank) Cemetery, Columbia City, with Pastor James Clifford of Laud Christian Church officiating.

Memorial gifts may be given in Ms. Brock's memory to Passages, Inc. Envelopes are available at the funeral home.

To send condolences, sign the family guest register book or to light a memorial candle in Ms. Brock's memory, log onto www.demoneygrimes.com.

Chapman service

Pastor C. Jack Scott officiated at the funeral service for Donald W. Chapman, 82, on Wednesday, Jan. 26, 2005 at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home in Columbia City.

The organ prelude included "How Great Thou Art," "Amazing Grace," "The Old Rugged Cross" and "His Eye Is On The Sparrow" with "Finlandia" as an organ solo and "Goin' Home" as postlude by Evelyn Stemen.

Suzy Scott shared a personal remembrance of Mr. Chapman. A video celebrating Mr. Chapman's life was shown before dismissing family and friends.

Casketbearers were Jeremy Meyer, Jeff Chapman, Gene Norris, Phil Beard, Marcus Jones and Don Kreider. Honorary bearers were Dr. Clark Waterfall, Benton E. Gates Jr., and Gene

More. Burial was at Nolt Cemetery, Columbia City.

A World War II veteran, Mr. Chapman, father of James A. Chapman and Julia McQueen, died Sunday, Jan. 23, 2005.

Lonnie V. Collier, 83

Jan. 23, 1922 - Jan. 29, 2005

Lonnie V. Collier, 83, of Columbia City, died at 6:35 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 29, 2005 at the Constant Care Unit at Parkview Whitley Hospital in Columbia City where he was admitted on Thursday. He had been a resident at Miller's Merry Manor for the past four years.

Born on Jan. 23, 1922 in Eolia, Letcher County, Ky., he was a son of James Ballard and Hila (Branson) Collier. At the age of 13, he began working as a logger and at the age of 18, he began working in the coal mines.

In 1937 he married Pearl Mae Halcomb. They made their first home in Kentucky, later moving to Detroit where he worked for Chevrolet Gear and Axle Company for seven years. He then moved to Shelbyville and worked in the Pipe Factory. He retired from the Donut Shop in Decatur. Mrs. Collier died in 1972. In 1984 he moved to Columbia City from Decatur.

On Dec. 3, 1942 he enlisted in the U.S. Army, serving in Germany during World War II. He was honorably discharged April 15, 1946.

Survivors include five sons, Roger (Betty) Collier of Pierceton; Ed Collier of Beattyville, Ky.; Wallace (Peggy) Collier, Harold Collier and Rick Collier, all of Columbia City; three daughters, Stacy Dear of Columbia City; Mantie (Don) Furnas of Warsaw, and Sandra Collier of Columbia City; 22 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; two brothers, Leonard Joe Collier of Ypsilanti, Mich., and Roy Collier of Columbia City; and two sisters, Lou Ernst and Marie Kaminski, both of Columbia City.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a granddaughter; three brothers, Riley Edward Collier, Foister Collier and Clayton Collier; and a sister, Stacy Halcomb.

Visitation is 3 to 6 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 2, at Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City, with the funeral service at 6 p.m. Wednesday.

A graveside funeral service is at noon on Friday at Collier Cemetery in Eolia, Ky.

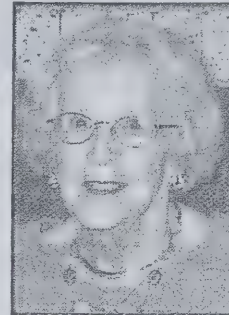
For those who wish, memorials may be made to Passages, Inc.

**Collier****Monica McLean, 90**

Aug. 5, 1914 - Jan. 28, 2005

Monica McLean, 90, of Columbia City, died at 2:15 p.m. Friday, Jan. 28, 2005 at her home. She had been in failing health since August 2004.

Born on Aug. 5, 1914 in Laud, a daughter of Dale A. and Demma (Swan) White, as a teenager, her family moved to South Whitley. She graduated from South Whitley High School and completed nurse's training in Chicago.

**McLean**

On Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 25, 1937, she was united in marriage to Murray S. McLean and they made their first home in Laud. In 1945 they moved to Jefferson City, Mo., until 1952 when they returned to Laud. In 1953 they moved to Columbia City until 1976 when they moved to their new home in Thorncreek Township. Mr. McLean died March 13, 1988.

On Oct. 14, 1989 she was united in marriage to Millard J. Ott and they always made their home in Thorncreek Township. Mr. Ott died Jan. 28, 1990.

A homemaker, she was a charter member of Trinity Evangelical Presbyterian Church where she served as an elder. Her memberships also included Tri Kappa and Coterie.

Surviving relatives include a son, Murray "Sandy" (Jane) McLean of Hilo, Hawaii; three daughters, Kathleen (Marc) Frank of Toledo, Ohio; Susan W. Mullett of Columbia City, and Julia M. (Jeff) Armstrong of Fort Wayne; 10 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husbands, she was preceded in death by Pauline Snyder.

The funeral service is at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 1, at Trinity Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 709 West Business 30, Columbia City with visitation one hour prior to the service. Visitation is also from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. today at Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City. Burial is at South Whitley Cemetery.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to Trinity Evangelical Presbyterian Church.

Paul Harold Wood, 79

Sept. 10, 1925 - Jan. 28, 2005

Paul Harold Wood, 79, of Union Township, Whitley County, died at 8:36 p.m. Friday, Jan. 28, 2005 at his residence.

Born on Sept. 10, 1925 in Union Township, Whitley County, a son of Roy D. and Dorothy M. (Harshbarger) Wood, he graduated from Coesse High School with the Class of 1943.



He served with the U.S. Navy during World War II as a naval air corpsman where he served as a SB2C Fighter Dive Bomber.

His marriage to Millie F. Reese took place on Feb. 16, 1944 in Columbia City.

He was first employed by Whitley County Highway Department, International Harvester, and Dana Corporation, however, from 1950 to 1987 he was employed as a line foreman with Northeastern REMC, Columbia City.



Wood

He was also a partner with his daughter, Kathy, at Shipshewana in retail sales for 15 years during his retirement, and assisted his grandson, Ryan, with the family farm operation.

A member of Coesse United Methodist Church, American Legion Post 98, Columbia City; Eel River Golf Course and Linvill Fitness Center, he was a avid golfer.

Survivors include his wife, Millie; two daughters, Gladdie (Eugene) Barnett and Kathy (Jack) Abner, both of Columbia City; a daughter-in-law, Lori (Brad) Benson of Fishers; five grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; two brothers, Richard (Judy) Wood of Columbia City, and Steven (Cheryl) Wood of Maumee, Ohio; three sisters, Dorothy Jean (Harold) Fletcher of Cromwell; Carol (Russ) Adams of Ocala, Fla., and Phyllis Springer of Columbia City; and a sister-in-law, Waneta F. Wood of Columbia City.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a son, Rick Wood and a brother, Max Wood.

Visitation is from 2 to 8 p.m. today and after 9 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 1 at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Drive in Columbia City. The funeral service is at 10 a.m. Tuesday, with Pastor Leonard King of Avilla United Methodist Church officiating. Burial is at Coesse Presbyterian Cemetery, 6130 E. Lincolnway, Columbia City.

Memorial gifts may be given in Mr. Wood's memory to American Cancer Society. Envelopes are available at the funeral home.

To send condolences to the family, sign the guest register or to light a memorial candle in Mr. Wood's memory, log onto www.demoneygrimes.com

Dester 'Des' Bell, 78

Jan. 25, 1927 - Jan. 29, 2005

Dester "Des" Bell, 78, of North Webster died at 9:47 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 29, 2005 at Lakeland Health & Rehabilitation in Milford.

Born on Jan. 25, 1927 in Monticello, Ky., a son of Marshall and Canzada (Gregory) Bell, he was a lifetime North Webster area resident.



He married M. JoAnn Bohnstedt on Dec. 20, 1951

A medic in the U.S. Army, he was supervisor and milkman for Runyan Dairy and retired from Weatherhead Dana Corp., in Syracuse. During retirement he enjoyed helping his son and family at Metcalf, Payne and Bell.

His memberships include North Webster United Methodist Church and American Legion Post 253 in North Webster.

Survivors include his wife, JoAnn; a son, Wesley (Ann) Bell of North Webster; three daughters, Emily Thomas of North Webster; Mitzi (Rick) Reber of Warsaw, and Paula (Greg) Kaiser of Milford; eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, an infant son, Marshal James Bell, a brother, Herschel Bell, and three sisters.

The funeral service is at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 2, at Mishler-Eastlund Funeral Home, Harris Chapel, 7458 E 1000 N, Syracuse, with Pastor Scott Mann officiating. Visitation is from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Burial with military honors is at West Etna Cemetery, Whitley County.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to American Cancer Society.

Charles J. Allen 79

May 20, 1925 - Jan. 29, 2005

Charles J. Allen, 79, of Wawaka, died at 9:45 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 29, 2005 at Avalon Village Nursing Center, Ligonier.

Born on May 20, 1925 in Ludington, Mich., he was a son of Charles and Jennie (Wells) Allen.

His marriage to Luella Schlabach took place on April 21, 1946 at Lake Wawasee.

A World War II U.S. Army veteran, he was employed at United Technology for 25 years, retiring in 1991 as a quality control manager. He also farmed.

He was a member of American Legion Post 246 of Albion and the 101 Club. He enjoyed woodworking, reading, fishing, hunting and tinkering.

Survivors include his wife, Luella; a daughter, Cindy (David) Rose of Shipshewana; a son, Robert (Jennie) Allen of Wawaka; a brother, Wayne Surfus of Atlanta, Ga.; five grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, five brothers, Glen, Clair, Robert, Ralph and William; four sisters, Hazel Winkler, Dorothy McLendon, Ruth Hendrickson and Leora Allen and a grandchild.

The funeral service is at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 1, at Orr Funeral Home of Ligonier, with burial following at Oak Park Cemetery. Visitation is from 3 to 7 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to Southern Care Hospice of Fort Wayne, or the American Diabetes Association.



P. Jack Murphy, 60

Jan. 18, 1945 - Jan. 30, 2005

P. Jack Murphy, 60, a resident of Fort Wayne, died at 1:53 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 30, 2005 at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. He had been in declining health since July and had entered the hospital on Thursday.



Murphy

Born on Jan. 18, 1945 in Fort Wayne, a son of Paul J. and Betty Irene (Brown) Murphy, he graduated from New Haven High School in 1963.

A lifelong resident of Fort Wayne, he worked at International Harvester for 18 years, was previously employed in the warehouse at Central Supply, Inc. and for two years worked as the sexton of Trinity Episcopal Church.

He was a member of Eagles Lodge in New Haven and in his leisure time enjoyed fishing, golf and traveling in his RV.

On March 6, 1984 he was married to Judy K. McDougall in Florida. She survives.

Also surviving are a nephew; a niece; a great nephew and two great-nieces.

The funeral service is at 11 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 3, at Huntertown United Methodist Church, 16201 Lima Road, with Dr. David Michel officiating. The family will receive friends at Sheets and Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco from 6 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, or at the church one hour prior to the service. Interment is at Huntertown Cemetery.

For those who wish, memorials may be directed to the American Cancer Society.

Condolences may be e-mailed to the family at sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

Gillespie service

The funeral service for Kenneth Edward Gillespie, 88, was Saturday, Jan. 29, 2005 at Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City, with the Rev. Jack Scott of Columbia City United Methodist Church officiating. Family reflections were shared by Nathan Holland, a great-grandson, Carol Michel, a granddaughter-in-law, and Betty Michel, a daughter.

Linda Sevier played a variety of favorite selections and hymns during the organ prelude and postlude including "Let Me Call You Sweetheart," "Amazing Grace," "In The Garden," "Jesus Loves Me" and "Evening Prayer."

Burial followed at Jefferson Chapel Cemetery. Casketbearers were Kevin Michel, Edward Michel, Mark Michel, Steven Souers, Jerome Holland and Tom Manning.

Mr. Gillespie, widower of Eloise (Johnson) Gillespie, died Wednesday, Jan. 26.

Brock service

Family and friends gathered at the graveside service for Doris J. Brock, 73, on Saturday, Jan. 29, 2005 at Jefferson Chapel (Sand Bank) Cemetery. The Rev. James Clifford of Laud Christian Church officiated.

Casketbearers were Michael Wagner, Daniel, William, Bryan and Corey Culp and John Plant.

Ms. Brock, sister of Robert Brock and LeEtta Wagner, died Wednesday, Jan. 26.

Arrangements were completed by DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home in Columbia City.

McLean service

The funeral service for Monica White McLean, 90, was Tuesday, Feb. 1, 2005 at Trinity Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Columbia City, with the Rev. Ross O'Dell officiating. Jeff Ott, a step-son, Susan Mullett, a daughter, Sandy McLean, a son, and Joy Gilraine, a family friend, shared personal reflections.

Stefanie Ambrose played a variety of hymns during the prelude and postlude. Congregational hymns were "Majesty," "The Old Rugged Cross," "Shout to the Lord," "We Are Standing On Holy Ground" and "Amazing Grace." Brady Mullet, a grandson, sang, "I Can Only Imagine" during the service.

The committal service followed at South Whitley Cemetery. Grandsons serving as casketbearers were Mark S. McLean, C. Scott Frank, M. Sanders Frank, Braden M. Mullett, Wesley D. Mullett and Graham C. Armstrong.

Mrs. McLean, widow of Murray S. McLean and Millard J. Ott, died Friday, Jan. 28.

Arrangements were completed by Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City.

Wood service

Pastor Leonard King of Avilla United Methodist Church officiated at the funeral service for Paul H. Wood, 79, on Tuesday, Feb. 1, 2005 at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home in Columbia City.

Evelyn Stemen included "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God," "The Old Rugged Cross" and "Over the Rainbow" in the organ prelude with "Eternal Father, Strong to Save" as postlude. A special compact disc selection of "One More Day" by Diamond Rio, was played before Bruce Coyle, a REMC co-worker, gave the eulogy. A video celebrating Mr. Wood's life was shown before dismissing family and friends.

Casketbearers were Ryan, Beau, Brandt, Kyle and Trenton Barnett, Tyson Abner, Rachel Benson and Toby Keister.

Columbia City American Legion Post 98 conducted graveside military honors with Bill Wheeler as commander; Dean Ramsey as chaplain; Frank Daniels as color guard commander, with Homer Wells, Paul Thompson and Norris Stricklin as color guard; Bill Hare as firing squad commander with Ted Hare, John Slabaugh, Bill Rea and Mike Bellinger as firing squad; Joe Hare was bugler. Burial was at Coesse Presbyterian Cemetery, rural Columbia City.

A former REMC employee, Mr. Wood, husband of Millie Wood and father of Gladdie Barnett and Kathy Abner, died Friday, Jan. 28, at his home.

Bernard Piebenga, 78

June 1, 1926 - Feb. 2, 2005

Bernard Piebenga, 78, of South Whitley, died at 4:35 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 2, 2005 at Miller's Merry Manor in Columbia City where he had been a resident since Jan. 26.



Born on June 1, 1926 in Grand Rapids, Mich., a son of John and Agnes (Groen) Piebenga, his formative years were spent in Grand Rapids. He graduated from Wyoming High School in Grand Rapids and attended Electronics College in Louisville, Ky.

On May 23, 1944 he enlisted in the U.S. Navy, serving during World War II. He was honorably discharged June 5, 1946.

On Nov. 23, 1950 he was united in marriage to Rosemary W. McCoy. In 1951 they moved to their home near South Whitley.



Piebenga

Employed for more than 39 years at Magnavox in Fort Wayne, he retired in 1988.

His memberships include Collamer Christian Church, American Legion Post 98, V.F.W. of South Whitley and Magnavox Quarter Century Club.

Surviving relatives include his wife, Rosemary; three daughters, Judy Earnhart, Treeca (Arden) Jenkins and Vicki Piebenga, all of South Whitley; three grandchildren; four step-grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren and his twin brother, Marvin Piebenga of Fort Wayne.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Albert Piebenga.

A memorial service is at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 5, at Smith and Sons Miller Chapel in South Whitley with the Rev. David Wagner, pastor of Collamer Christian Church, officiating. Burial at a later date at South Whitley Cemetery.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to the Humane Society of Whitley County.

Elizabeth 'Jane' Gray Koenig, 69

June 11, 1935 - Feb. 2, 2005

Elizabeth "Jane" Gray Koenig, 69, a resident of Churubusco and widow of Harold "Hal" Koenig, died at 10:45 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 2, 2005 at Miller's Merry Manor in Columbia City. She had been in declining health since August.

Born June 11, 1935 in Whitley County, a daughter of Russell and Lois (Hull) Yant, she spent her formative years in Collins and graduated from Churubusco High School. Her early adult life was spent in and around Churubusco before moving to Fort Wayne in 1977. She returned to Churubusco last year.

Employed by Magnavox in Fort Wayne for more than 30 years, she retired from there as a PC operator in 1992. She was a member of the Turner's Club in Fort Wayne and the McMillen Lions Club in Fort Wayne. In her leisure time, she enjoyed crocheting and most especially enjoyed her family.

On March 19, 1977, she was married in Fort Wayne to Harold "Hal" Koenig. He preceded her in death on Feb. 18, 2001.

Surviving relatives include her four children, Gloria (Michael) Pressler of Churubusco, Patricia Gray of Arizona, Lee A. Gray of Tecumseh, Mich. and Christine (Mark) Coonrod of Columbia City; four step-children, Sherry (Jerry) Smith and Steve Kammer, both of Fort Wayne, Ron (Susie) Kammer of Glen Ellyn, Ill. and Leafon Ronyak of Ft. Myers, Fla.; her step-mother, Erma Yant of Abilene, Kan.; a sister, Shirley (William) Claxton of Churubusco; two half-sisters, Linda (Lonnie) Creech and Beverly Bergman, both of Abilene, Kan.; two half-brothers, Wayne Yant of Salina, Kan. and Bruce (Tommie) Yant of Arkansas; a step-brother Steve (Becky) Coup of Salina, Kan.; 18 grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren.



Koenig

Robert Henry Stern, 54

Jan. 5, 1951 - Feb. 1, 2005

Robert Henry Stern, 54, of Phoenix, Ariz. and formerly of Whitley County, died Tuesday, Feb. 1, 2005 at home.

Born on Jan. 5, 1951, he graduated from Columbia City High School in 1969.

He loved the great outdoors, whether it be boating in the Bahamas or on Canyon Lake or taking his friends and family to climb the trails of Arizona.

Survivors include his wife, Joan (Susie); daughter, Olivia and her husband, Fred; a son, Peter and wife Rachel; daughter, Annette and husband, Giovanni, all of Phoenix.

The celebration of Robert's life is at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 5 at the Esperanza Lutheran Church, 2601 E. Thunderhill Place, Phoenix, AZ 85048.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Esperanza Lutheran Church in memory of Robert Stern.

Arrangements were completed by Meldrum Mortuary, 52 N. Macdonald, Mesa, AZ 85201.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by a son, Timothy Gray died May 4, 1987; a step-son Bernard Koenig; and a half-brother Roy Yant.

The funeral service is at 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 6, 2005 at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with Pastor John Hamer of St. Paul's Lutheran Church officiating. The family will receive friends at the mortuary from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday. Interment is at Eel River Cemetery, south of Churubusco.

For those who wish, memorials may be directed to Parkview Home Health & Hospice or the Salvation Army.

Condolences may be e-mailed to the family at sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

Ned V. Simmons, 88

Jan. 14, 1917 - Feb. 5, 2005

Ned V. Simmons, 88, of Columbia City, died at 5:10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 5, 2005 at Renaissance Village where he had been a resident since Dec. 1, 2001.

Born on Jan. 14, 1917 in Whitley County, a son of Benjamin H. and Elsie (Schaff) Simmons, his formative years were spent in Collamer, Silver Lake and Bippus. His education was completed in Bippus.

In April 1941 he enlisted in the U.S. Army, serving in Panama and Georgia during World War II. He was honorably discharged in 1945.

On July 4, 1946 he was united in marriage to Ruth B. White and they spent most of their married life in Columbia City. Mrs. Simmons died June 10, 1974.

Employed at Whitley Products for three years, he retired in 1979 from Morsches Builders Mart, with 40 years of service.

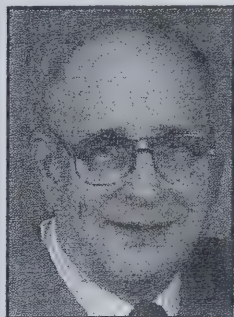
A 60-year member of American Legion Post 98, where he served as sergeant of arms for more the 30 years, he was also an honorary red coat of the Old Settlers Day committee.

Survivors include two sons, Dorsey (Cindy) Simmons of Fort Wayne, and Carl (Phyllis) Simmons of South Whitley; two daughters, Esther Smith of Columbia City, and Beth (Ron) Glassley of Casa Grande, Ariz.; a step-son, Elmer (Joan) Stocker of Carmel; 13 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandsons; two brothers, Everett "Eddie" Simmons and Jim Simmons, both of Columbia City; and a sister, Mable Mabie of Columbia City.

In addition to his wife, he was preceded in death by a great-grandson; three brothers, Paul, Charles and Joe; and two sisters, Ruby Bird and Ann Crawford.

The funeral service is at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 8, at Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City, with the Rev. Curtiss Johnson officiating. Visitation is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home. Burial is at South Whitley Cemetery with military honors by American Legion Post 98.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to the Salvation Army.

**Simmons****Lois I. Kyler, 80**

Aug. 21, 1924 - Feb. 6, 2005

Lois I. Kyler, 80, of Collamer, died at 10:15 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 6, 2005 at Miller's Merry Manor in Columbia City where she had been a resident since Jan. 11.

Born on Aug. 21, 1924 in Whitley County, the only child of Floyd and Reuah (Striggle) Sibert, her formative years were spent in Cleveland Township and she graduated from South Whitley High School.

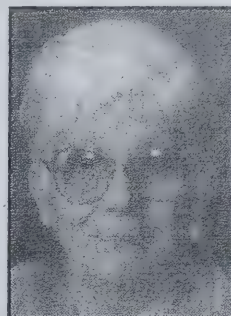
On Nov. 27, 1946 she was united in marriage to Max M. Kyler. They made their home in Sidney for 40 years until 1989 when they moved to their home in Collamer. Mr. Kyler died July 14, 1997.

A devoted I.U. fan, her memberships included South Whitley V.F.W., South Whitley AmVets and Pierceton American Legion Post 258 auxiliaries.

Survivors include three sons, Harry M. (Kay) Kyler of North Webster; Gerald Dewayne (Pat) Kyler of Rochester and Tim Kyler of South Whitley; six grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

The funeral service is at 10:30 a.m. Friday, Feb. 11, at Smith and Sons Miller Chapel in South Whitley, with the Rev. Tom Coltrain of Collamer Church of God officiating. Burial is at South Whitley Cemetery. Visitation is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to Parkview Hospice.

**Kyler****Collier service**

The funeral service for Lonnie V. Collier, 83, was Wednesday, Feb. 2, 2005 at Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City, with Elder Jeff Ehrman officiating.

A variety of favorite selections were played during the prelude and postlude including "Tears in Heaven" by Eric Clapton; "Daddy's Hands" by Holly Dunn, "Please Remember Me" by Tim McGraw and "Go Rest High On That Mountain" by Vince Gill.

The committal service was at noon Friday, Feb. 4, at Collier Cemetery in Eolia, Ky.

Mr. Collier, father of Roger, Ed, Wallace, Harold and Rick Collier, Stacy Dear, Mantie Furnas and Sandra Collier, died Saturday, Jan. 29.

Richard L. Roberts, 65

March 26, 1939 - Feb. 7, 2005

Richard L. Roberts, 65, of rural Columbia City, died at 5:30 a.m. Monday, Feb. 7, 2005 at Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

Born on March 26, 1939, a son of Renaldo L. "Jack" and Leota Mae (Horner) Roberts, he graduated with the Class of 1958 from New Haven High School in New Haven. After graduation he attended electrical apprentice school for four years.

He married V. Maxine Moore on Nov. 7, 1959 at St. Joseph Methodist Church in Fort Wayne.

Retiring in 2001 from IBEW Local 305 in Fort Wayne, he had served as a union electrician since 1958. When he retired he was working with Schmidt Electric, Fort Wayne.

He was a member of Columbia City United Methodist Church.

Survivors include his wife, V. Maxine; two daughters, Kathryn (Thomas) Trzynka of New Haven, and Jamie (Jack) Dillon of Cape Coral, Fla.; a son, Richard S. "Rick" Roberts of Fort Wayne; his mother, Leota M. Roberts-Bemis of Zephyrhills, Fla.; five grandchildren; a great-grandchild; two brothers, Charles D. (Kay) Roberts of Coldwater, Mich., and Jerry D. (Elaine) Roberts of Aiken, S.C.

He was preceded in death by his father and a brother, Eugene N. Roberts.

Visitation is from 5 to 9 p.m. today at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Drive, Columbia City. The funeral service is at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at the funeral home, with the Rev. C. Jack Scott of Columbia City United Methodist Church officiating. Graveside service and burial is at 3 p.m. Friday, Feb. 11, at Chapel Hill Gardens, Dade City, Fla., with Pastor Craig Ford of First United Methodist Church, Zephyrhills, officiating.

Memorial gifts may be given in memory of Mr. Roberts to Columbia City United Methodist Church,

or visiting Nurse and Hospice Home. Envelopes are available at the funeral home.

To send condolences to the family, sign the guest register, or to light a memorial candle in Mr. Robert's memory, log onto www.demoneygrimes.com.

**Roberts****Lewis Fred Cornelius, 66**

Sept. 24, 1938 - Feb. 6, 2005

Lewis Fred Cornelius, 66, of Big Barbee Lake, died at 7:41 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 6, 2005, in the emergency room of Kosciusko Community Hospital in Warsaw.

Born on Sept. 24, 1938 in Columbia City, a son of Ira Cletus and Elizabeth Jane (Grant) Cornelius, his formative years were spent at Wilson Lake and he graduated from Larwill High School.

He was honorably discharged from the U.S. Army on Sept. 30, 1962 as a military policeman.

A retired engineer from Norfolk and Southern Railroad, he began his employment with Erie Railroad who later merged with Conrail and later Norfolk and Southern. He retired in 2000 with more than 30 years of service.

He was a member of Columbia City Lodge 189 Free & Accepted Masons and American Legion Post 253 in North Webster.

Surviving relatives include a niece, a nephew, a sister-in-law, Nancy Cornelius and a special friend, Chris Cornelius, all of Warsaw.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, Dennis Cletus Cornelius.

A memorial service is at 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 11, at Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City, with the Columbia City Lodge 189 F. & A.M. providing the Masonic rites and American Legion Post 253 from North Webster presenting military honors. Visitation is one hour prior to the service.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to Indiana Ducks Unlimited.

**Cornelius**

Marion Glen Gilmore, 81

May 1, 1923 - Feb. 7, 2005

Marion Glen Gilmore, 81, of Jefferson Township, Whitley County, died at 1:45 p.m. Monday, Feb. 7, 2005 at Covington Manor Nursing Center in Fort Wayne.

Born on May 1, 1923 in Chanute, Kan., a son of Albert and Avis P. (Plush) Gilmore, he graduated from high school in Chanute.

Entering the U.S. Army, he served during World War II from 1942 to 1945 as a private first class.

He first lived in Kansas then moved to Texas and in 1987 he moved to Columbia City and was employed by Sears as a salesman.

He was married to Troas L. Phillips.

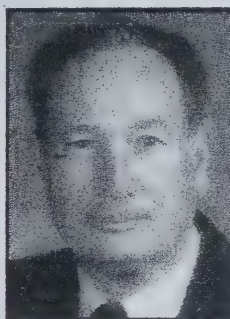
Survivors include his wife, Troas; a son, Donald Gilmore; two step-sons, Robert (Patsy) Matthies of Battle Creek, Mich., and Scott Phillips of Roanoke; two step-daughters, Carol (Vernon) Kauffman of Gardner, Kan., and Valerie (Kirk) McKinzie of Columbia City; nine grandchildren; several great-grandchildren; two sisters, Evelyn Ellis of Weatherford, Texas, and Jean (Robert) Reed of Parson, Kan.; and a brother, William Joe Gilmore of Prairie Village, Kan.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a son, Ray Gilmore, and two brothers, Lloyd and Boyd Gilmore.

Visitation is from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 11, at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Park Drive, Columbia City. The funeral service is at 11 a.m. Saturday at the funeral home with Pastor Curtiss Johnson, retired pastor of Community Bible Church, officiating. Burial is at Oak Lawn Memorial Gardens, Olathe, Kan.

Memorial gifts may be given in Mr. Gilmore's memory to Visiting Nurse Service and Hospice Home, Homestead Road, Fort Wayne, or to Saturn Christian Church. Envelopes are available at the funeral home.

To send condolences to the family, sign the guest register or to light a memorial candle in Mr. Gilmore's memory, visit www.demoneygrimes.com.



Gilmore

Sharon L. Stiver, 67

July 15, 1937 - Feb. 8, 2005

Sharon L. Stiver, 67, of Columbia City, died Tuesday, Feb. 8, 2005 at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Born on July 15, 1937, she was a daughter of Harry and Estella (Tracy) Slater.

A general laborer, her husband, Jerry Stiver, preceded her in death.

Survivors include a son, Kevin Stiver of Columbia City; her mother, Estella Slater of Leo; two brothers, Edward Slater of Leo, and the Rev. Richard Slater of Missouri; a sister, Norma Routhier of Florida, and a granddaughter. Also surviving is Rita Hanke of Fort Wayne.

The funeral service is at 2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 11, at C.M. Sloan & Sons Funeral Home, 1327 North Wells St., Fort Wayne, with visitation from noon to 2 p.m. Burial is at Lindenwood Cemetery.

Roberts service

The Rev. C. Jack Scott of Columbia City United Methodist Church officiated at the funeral service for Richard L. Roberts, 65, on Wednesday, Feb. 8, 2005 at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home in Columbia City.

The organ prelude included "How Great Thou Art," "The Old Rugged Cross," "Blessed Assurance" and "Amazing Grace." At Mr. Robert's request, the National Anthem was played as postlude. A special compact disc selection of "Ready to Fly" by FFH was played during the service. A video celebrating Mr. Roberts' life was shown before dismissing family and friends.

Casketbearers were family and friends with committal service at the funeral home. Pastor Scott read a family remembrance written by granddaughter Michelle Trzynka. Graveside service and burial will be at Chapel Hill Gardens, Dade City, Fla. on Friday, Feb. 11.

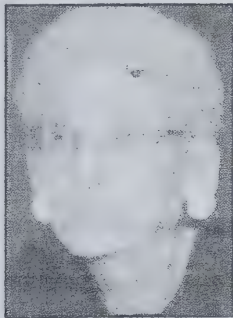
Mr. Roberts, husband of V. Maxine Roberts and father of Kathryn Trzynka, Jamie Dillon and Rick Roberts, and son of Leota Roberts-Bemis, died at Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home on Monday, Feb. 7.

Willodean D. Whiteman, 83

Jan. 2, 1922 - Feb. 10, 2005

Willodean D. Whiteman, 83, of Columbia City, died at 1:55 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 10, 2005 at Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home, Homestead Road, Fort Wayne.

Born on Jan. 2, 1922 in Noble County, a daughter of Arnie and Hazel (Birch) Geiger, she attended school at Wolf Lake High School. She lived in Noble County until 1992 when she moved to Columbia City.



Whiteman

She married LeRoy D. "Pete" Whiteman on Nov. 15, 1941 in Churubusco. He preceded her in death.

Employed at Blue Bell, Inc. in Columbia City for 30 years, her memberships included Eagles Auxiliary 1906 in Columbia City. She was an avid bingo player and loved to dance.

Survivors include a son, Roy "Mike" (Lee) Whiteman of Columbia City; a daughter, Barbara (David) Hawn of Columbia City; six grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by a brother, Day Geiger and two step-brothers, Clarence and J.C. Scoby.

Visitation is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 9 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 13, at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Drive, Columbia City. Eagles Auxiliary 1906 will present a twilight memorial service at 8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. The funeral service is 1 p.m. Monday at the funeral home with Pastor Dan Carlson of Wolf Lake Baptist Church, Wolf Lake, officiating. Burial is at Thorn Cemetery, Noble County.

Memorial bequests may be given in Mrs. Whiteman's memory to Visiting Nurse Services and Hospice Home.

To send condolences to the family, sign the guest register or light a memorial candle in Mrs. Whiteman's memory, log onto www.demoneygrimes.com

Max Russell Shelmadine, 69

Oct. 23, 1935 - Feb. 10, 2005

Max Russell Shelmadine, 69, of Churubusco, died at 3 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 10, 2005 at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Born on Oct. 23, 1935 in Whitley County, he was a son of Ray W. and Ruth M. (Underwood) Shelmadine.

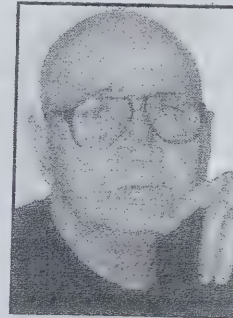


A veteran, he served in Korea in the Marine Corps.

He married Elizabeth C. Rollins on June 13, 1958 in Columbia City.

Retired from Dana Corp., he enjoyed fishing, cooking, rabbits, the outdoors and his dog, Teddy.

Survivors include his wife, Elizabeth; three sons, Max Jr. (Gloria) Shelmadine of Chesapeake, Va., Michael (Pam) Shelmadine of Fort



Shelmadine

Wayne, and William (Carrie) Shelmadine of Columbia City; four brothers, Ron Shelmadine of Columbia City, Dick Shelmadine and Jim Shelmadine, both of Fort Wayne, and Ray Shelmadine of Mexico, Ind.; two sisters, Connie Miller of New Carlisle, Ohio, and Willodene Saner of Silver Lake; 15 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother and five sisters.

The funeral service is at 10 a.m. Monday, Feb. 14, at Orr Funeral Home of Churubusco with Pastor Rick VanHorn officiating. Burial is at Eel River Cemetery. Visitation is from 2 to 6 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions can be made to the American Cancer Society.

Adra Keel, 93

Former county resident

Adra Keel, 93, former Goose Lake resident, died Wednesday morning, Feb. 9, 2005 in a nursing home in San Juan Bautista, Calif., where she had been a resident for the past month. Mrs. Keel had made her home in California for several years.

While a Whitley County resident, she was affiliated with the West Point Church and its ladies aide, was an assistant piano player, active in Bible study and supporting the young people.

Surviving relatives include a daughter, Joann Cousin, San Juan Bautista; several grandchildren; two sisters, Nyla South of South Whitley and Helen Hauptert of Wabash; several nieces and nephews.

The funeral service is Tuesday, Feb. 15, in Hollister, Calif.

Fred Howard Taylor, 81

May 17, 1923 - Feb. 9, 2005

Fred Howard Taylor, 81, of Fort Wayne, died Wednesday, Feb. 9, 2005 at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Born on May 17, 1923 in Whitley County, he was a son of Ben and Hattie (Sever) Taylor.

A U.S. Army World War II veteran, he graduated from Valparaiso Law School and was a self-employed attorney for 50 years.

He was a member of the News-Sentinel Boys Band, Delta Theta Phi Law Fraternity, precinct committeeman, Republican party, Shrine Band and Shrine Chanters for 30 years.

Survivors include his wife, Jean; children, John (Monica Hart) Taylor; Lisa (John) Smith and Aron (Sarah) Taylor, all of Fort Wayne; and six grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Glen Ernest "Pete" Taylor, and a sister, Lois Butz.

The funeral service is at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12, at D.O. McComb & Sons Covington Knolls Funeral Home, 8325 Covington Road. Calling is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 7:30 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home, with Shrine service at 7:30 p.m. Burial is at Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Memorials may be made to Shriner's Children's Hospital or Easter Seals.



Anna M. Rentschler, 88

Nov. 29, 1916 - Feb. 9, 2005

Anna M. Rentschler, 88, of Fort Wayne, died Feb. 9, 2005 at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Born on Nov. 29, 1916 in Whitley County, she was a daughter of Herman and Elizabeth Pleus.

Her husband, Clarence Rentschler, died in 1999.

A homemaker, she was a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church and its Rosary Society.

Survivors include daughters, Patricia Ann (James) Fisher of Hometown, Deb (Jim) Dietel, Colleen (Jeff) Muncey, and Mary J. (Jeff) Byerley, all of Fort Wayne; sons, Ron (Vivian) Rentschler, Jim (Elaine) Rentschler, Robert D. (Pamala) Rentschler and Phillip (Barbara) Rentschler, all of Fort Wayne; 25 grandchildren and 39 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by two children, Thomas and Janis and two grandchildren.

The funeral service is at 10 a.m. Monday, Feb. 14, at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Arcola, with calling 30 minutes prior to the service. Visitation also from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday at C.M. Sloan & Sons Funeral Home, 1327 North Wells St., Fort Wayne, with Rosary service at 2:30 p.m. Burial is at Catholic Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Masses, ASPCA or Whitley County Humane Society.

Anna L. Kesler, 91

Feb. 17, 1914 - Feb. 11, 2005

Anna L. (Teel) Kesler, 91, of Fort Wayne, died Feb. 11, 2005 at University Park Nursing

Home. She was born on Jan. 17, 1914, in Mentone, Ind., to Lloyd and Blondie (Millenhour) Teel.

She was married to Hugh J. Kesler, who preceded her in death on April 11, 1972.

She was a homemaker. Her memberships included Calvary Third Presbyterian Church and the East 514 Order of the Eastern Star, where she was past worthy matron and a 50-year member.

She served as a volunteer for Lutheran Hospital in the 1970s and 1980s, serving over 10,000 hours. Survivors include a daughter, Roberta J. Trump of Columbia City; two sisters, Mary Moore of Fort Wayne and Eula Hamilton of Palmetta, Fla.; five grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; five step-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Rsalie A. Kammerer; grandchild Kathleen Kammerer; two brothers, Ondis Teel and Richard Teel.

Pastor Alan Thomas will conduct a service at 10:30 a.m. on Monday at Covington Memorial Funeral Home, 8408 Covington Rd., Fort Wayne. Visitation will be 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. on Sunday with an Order of the Eastern Star service at 7:30 p.m. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens in Fort Wayne.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

Simmons service

The funeral service for Ned V. Simmons, 88, was held Tuesday morning, Feb. 8, 2005, at Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City with Rev. Curtiss Johnson officiating.

Elmer Stocker, a step-son, and Shelli Mitchell, a granddaughter, shared family remembrances.

A variety of hymns were played during the prelude and postlude including "Mansion Over the Hilltop."

The committal service followed at South Whitley Cemetery. Casketbearers were Jamie Simmons, Kevin Simmons, D.J. Simmons, Tim Hartman I, Tim Hartman II and Troy Jester.

The American Legion Post 98 presented military honors at the cemetery. Bill Wheeler served as commander and Dean Ramsey served as chaplain. The Color Guard included Frank Daniels as commander, Homer Wells, Paul Thompson and Ray Gilbert. The firing squad included Bill Hare as commander, Ted Hare, Bill Rea, Paul Brower and John Slabaugh. Joe Hare was the bugler.

Mr. Simmons, the father of Dorsey (Cindy) Simmons, Carl (Phyllis) Simmons, Esther Smith, Beth (Ron) Glassley and Elmer (Joan) Stocker, died Sat., Feb. 5.

Kyler service

The funeral service for Lois I. Kyler, 80, was held Fri., Feb. 11, 2005, at Smith and Sons Miller Chapel in South Whitley with Rev. Tom Coltrain, pastor of Collamer Church of God, officiating.

Wava Boggs played a variety of hymns during the organ prelude and postlude, including "How

Great Thou Art," "Amazing Grace," "In the Garden" and "Beyond the Sunset."

The committal service followed at South Whitley Cemetery. Casketbearers were Kevin Shoemaker, Kip Shoemaker, Bryan Kyler, Mark Kyler, Rob Harris and Kris Shoemaker.

Mrs. Kyler, the widow of Max M. Kyler and mother of Harry (Kay) Kyler, G. Dewayne (Pat) Kyler and Tim Kyler, died Sun., Feb. 6.

Mabel Lena Smith, 94

Sept. 11, 1910 - Feb. 12, 2005

Mabel Lena Smith, 94, of Columbia City, died at 6:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 12, 2005 at Parkview Whitley Hospital in Columbia City.

Born on Sept. 11, 1910 in Thorncreek Township, Whitley County, she was a daughter of Lewis and Maude Martha (Kneller) Smith. Her formative years were spent in Thorncreek Township where she graduated from Thorncreek High School and continued to reside for 70 years.



Smith

She married Josiah William "Joe" Smith on July 15, 1935 in Columbia City. In 1980 she and her late husband moved to Columbia City where they resided until she moved to Blue River Drive. In August 2004 she moved to Miller's Merry Manor Nursing Home.

Employed for 30 years as a factory worker starting at Columbia Woolen Mills, then Ion Capicator, then Columbia Products, which was destroyed by fire in 1955. She was then transferred to Columbia Products in Pierceton. She last worked as a milling machine operator at Essex Division at United Technologies in Columbia City, retiring in 1975.

Also a homemaker, she delivered *The New-Sentinel* newspaper for several years.

She attended Columbia City Church of the Nazarene and was a member of Believer's Bible Church in Churubusco.

Survivors include a sister, Marie Jones of Columbia City; a brother, Marshall Smith of Columbia City, and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, a brother, Russell Smith and a sister, Mildred Smith Downing.

Visitation is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. today at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Drive in Columbia City. The funeral service is at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at the funeral home with Pastor Thomas Beers of Columbia City Church of the Nazarene, and Pastor Rick Van Horne of Believer's Bible Church in Churubusco, officiating. Burial is at Nolt Cemetery, Columbia City.

Memorial bequests may be given in Mrs. Smith's memory to either the Believer's Bible Church, Churubusco, or Columbia City Church of the Nazarene.

To send condolences to the family, sign the guest register or to light a memorial candle in Mrs. Smith's memory, visit

www.demoneygrimes.com.

Gilmore service

Pastor Curtiss Johnson, retired pastor of Community Bible Church, officiated at the funeral service for Martin G. Gilmore, 81, on Saturday, Feb. 12, 2005 at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home in Columbia City.

The organ prelude included "How Great Thou Art," "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere," "Amazing Grace" and "In the Garden," with "Nearer My God to Thee" as postlude by Evelyn Stemen.

A video celebrating Mr. Gilmore's life was shown before dismissing family and friends. Burial will be at Oak Lawn Memorial Gardens in Olathe, Kan. at a later date.

A World War II veteran, Mr. Gilmore, husband of Troas L. Gilmore, father of Donald Gilmore and step-father of Robert Matthies, Scott Phillips. Carol Kauffman and Valerie McKinzie, died Monday, Feb. 7, at Covington Manor Nursing Center.

David W. Staples, 42

April 7, 1962 - Feb. 14, 2005

David W. Staples, 42, co-owner of Peaks & Valleys, died 3 a.m. Monday, Feb. 14, 2005 at his home in rural Columbia City. He had been in failing health for the last two years.

Born on April 7, 1962 in Chicago, Ill., he was a son of James and Ida Mae (Mitchell) Staples. As a sixth grader, his family moved to Columbia City and his education was completed at Columbia City Joint High School.

On April 28, 1995 he was united in marriage to Toni Rupert. They made their home in Washington Township until 2001 when they moved to the new home in Union Township.

A framer for E&B Construction, Lawrence Construction and Heartland Construction, he then was employed with Peaks & Valleys roofing company in 1994, joining in the operation with his wife after their marriage.

His memberships included North Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses.

Survivors include his wife, Toni; six children, Clint Shatzer and Dusty Shatzer, both of Columbia City; Amanda Staples of South Whitley; Jennifer Staples of Larwill, David D. Staples and Michael Staples, both of Columbia City; three grandchildren; his parents, Jim and Ida Staples of Columbia City; and a brother, James Samuel Staples of Columbia City.

The funeral service is at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 17, at Smith & Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City with visitation from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Burial is at Pleasant Chapel Cemetery in Huntington County.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to Visiting Nurse & Hospice.



Staples

Helen Bernice Emery, 88

March 29, 1916 - Feb. 13, 2005

Helen Bernice Emery, 88, of Dallas, Texas, died Sunday, Feb. 13, 2005 in Tampa, Fla.

Born on March 29, 1916 in Laud, Whitley County, she was a daughter of William Monroe and Ethel Mae (Bittner) Hollenbaugh. She graduated from Washington Center High School.

She married Thomas J. Emery on Nov. 10, 1934 at Eberhard Lutheran Church, Columbia City. She had lived in Indianapolis, Tampa, and most recently Dallas.

She worked for Blue Bell in Columbia City for many years and retired in 1994 after working 15 years as a housemother for McMurray College in Abilene, Texas. She was also a kindergarten teacher for five years in Dallas and was a member of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Tampa.

Survivors include two sons, Thomas (Nancy) Emery of Dover Bay, Minn.; John (Patricia) Emery of Tampa; two daughters, Maureen (John) Smalley of Odessa, Texas, and Kathleen (Bill) Johnson of Chandler, Texas; a sister, E. Frances (Keith) Nicodemus of Columbia City; three brothers, Garland and Paul Hollenbaugh of Columbia City, and Earnest Hollenbaugh of Anaheim, Calif.; nine grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents and husband, Thomas.

A memorial service is in Dallas on Feb. 24. Graveside service will be at a later date at Eberhard Lutheran Cemetery, Columbia City. The service will be announced in the Columbia City Post & Mail newspaper.

Local arrangements are being conducted by the staff at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home in Columbia City.

Cornelius service

The funeral service for Lewis Fredrick Cornelius, 66, was Friday, Feb. 11, 2005 at Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City, with the Columbia City Lodge 189 Free & Accepted Masons providing the Masonic service. Jerry Yagel served at worshipful master and Thomas A. Trier served as chaplain. Others participating

were Kent Jackson, Paul Lopshire, DeWayne Lane, Barry Truman, Terry Heindselman, C. Taron Smith, Melvin Culler and William Hartman.

The North Webster American Legion Post 253 presented military honors at the funeral home. Participating were Russell Moore, Robert Harding, Dennis Ross, Bob Rose, Hank Waltz, Dave Heath, Si Smith, Tim Hine, Bob Roberts, Bob Stevens, Larry Shock, William Hartman, Jon Sroufe and Tom Baker.

Mr. Cornelius died Sunday, Feb. 6.

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In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by three brothers, Garland, Paul and Earnest Hollenbaugh.

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Local arrangements are being conducted by the staff at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home in Columbia City.

Rosalie Mae Greene, 68

March 30, 1936 - Feb. 12, 2005

Rosalie Mae "Rosie" Greene, 68, of Tempe, Ariz., died Saturday, Feb. 12, 2005.

Born on March 30, 1936 in Bedford, she was a daughter of Jessie Nadean and Lee Amos Wellman. As a young child her family moved to Ligonier where she grew up and was educated.

She married Don Greene on June 30, 1956 in Ligonier. They moved to Columbia City where they raised their family.

Besides being a homemaker, she worked as a certified nursing assistant and a qualified medication aide in various nursing homes in Columbia City, but especially at Grace Village.

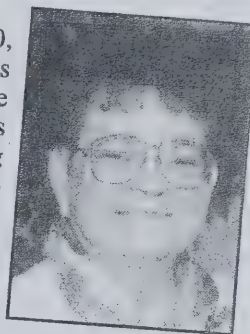
Actively involved in churches in Columbia City, including Oak Street Wesleyan and Oak Grove Church of God, she served as head of church hospitality for a time. She was president of a senior city group and twice as president of a Christian ladies fellowship group.

Due to health problems she retired in 1997 and shortly thereafter moved to Arizona. She entered Westchester Care Center in 2000 due to failing health, but enjoyed Sunday's with her church family at Christ Life Church as her health allowed.

Survivors include her six children, Richard Lee (Ronda), Donald Joë, Nathan Ray (Carmen), Douglas Wade (Elizabeth), Wanda Ann (Norman) Lord and Peggy Ellen Greene; eight grandchildren; siblings, Ruth Alice, Coral Sue, Jerry Dean, Janet Fay, James Ray, Linda Lou, Nelda Ann and Mary Evelyn.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and siblings, William Lee and Martha Ellen.

Arrangement were completed by Tempe Mortuary, 405 E. Southern Ave., Tempe, AZ 85282.



Greene

Ethel Gertrude Lehman, 77

Nov. 29, 1927 - Feb. 15, 2005

Ethel Gertrude Lehman, 77, of Ligonier, died

at 11:12 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 15, 2005 at Goshen General Hospital in Goshen.

Born on Nov. 29, 1927 in Cromwell, she was a daughter of Roscoe and Ethel (Stocker) LeCount.

A homemaker, she enjoyed bingo, fishing and mushroom hunting.

Survivors include a son, Lester Ray (Cindy) Hunt Jr. of Kimmell; a brother, Jack LeCount of Ligonier; three sisters, Luella Jones of Naples, Fla.; Martha Sprague of Ligonier, and Mary Brock of Syracuse; six grandchildren; six great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, two husbands, Anthony Morris and John E. Lehman; five brothers, Maurice, Herb, Bob, Roscoe Jr. and Ray; and a sister, Elsie Griffith.

The funeral service is at 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 18, at Orr Funeral Home of Ligonier, with calling two hours prior to the service.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society



Lehman

Whiteman service

Pastor Dan Carlson of Wolf Lake Baptist Church officiated at the funeral service for Willodean D. Whiteman, 83, on Monday, Feb. 14, 2005 at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home in Columbia City.

Organist Treva Mossburg included "Good Night and Good Morning" and "The Old Rugged Cross" in the prelude and "Tight Fitting Jeans" was played as a special compact disc selection. A video celebrating Mrs. Whiteman's life was shown before dismissing family and friends.

Casketbearers were Vern and Jeff Hawn, Chris and Stephen Turner, Brian Blanchard and Jim Gaff. Burial was at Thorn Cemetery, Ormas.

Eagles Auxiliary 1906 conducted a twilight memorial service Sunday evening at the funeral home. Members participating were Jo Ann Paulus as president; Susan J. Mantle as vice president; Miriam L. William as treasurer; Janelle Luther, Lois Preston, Margaret A. Bowser as chaplain; Belle Adair as trustee; Alverda Swanson, Edna Genth, Olive "Polly" Dafforn, Martha M. Essex, Rose Fry, Barbara Hawn, Lill Whitemen, Lois Sheets, Reva Grable, Maria Evilsizor, Stella Woods and Bonnie Gawthrop Whitecar.

Mrs. Whiteman, mother of Roy "Mike" Whiteman and Barbara Hawn died Thursday, Feb. 10.

Logan Jeremiah Lynn Wiseman, infant

- Feb. 15, 2005 -

Logan Jeremiah Lynn Wiseman, son of Joseph Michael and Emily Ellen (Ponder) Wiseman of North Webster, died Tuesday afternoon Feb. 15, 2005 at Lutheran Hospital of Indiana in Fort Wayne.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by a half sister, Gabrielle Wiseman of North Webster; paternal grandparents, Jack L. and Lovisa Wiseman of Pierceton; paternal grandmothers, Virginia Wiseman of Columbia City and G. Ruth Flora of Warsaw; and several aunts and uncles.

A graveside service is at 4:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 18, at Salem Cemetery, Wilmont, with Pastor David Biberstein officiating.

Arrangements are by DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home in Columbia City.

To send family condolences, sign the register book or to light a memorial candle in Logan's memory, log onto www.demoneygrimes.com.

Ruth Elizabeth Hine, 98

Sept. 15, 1906 - Feb. 15, 2005

Ruth Elizabeth Hine, 98, of Jefferson Township, Whitley County, died at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 15, 2005 at Parkview Whitley Hospital in Columbia City.

**Hine**

Born on Sept. 15, 1906 in Lancaster Township, Huntington County, a daughter of Ulysses Grant and Elizabeth Belle (Heaston) Harris, she attended the Hill and Looncreek Township schools in Huntington County. She continued to live there until 1924 when she moved west of Roanoke and resided there until moving to her farm in Whitley County in 1948.

She married Clarence William Hine on Jan. 21, 1928 in Huntington County.

A homemaker, she assisted her husband on the family farm.

She was a member of St. Catherine of Alexandria Catholic Church and its Rosary Sodality.

Survivors include four daughters, Elizabeth R. Scheiber and M. Marie (Jack) Smith, both of Columbia City, Bonita E. Gillum of Fort Wayne, and Ramona E. Brown of Decatur; a son, Harris C. (Wanda) Hine of Dayton, Ind.; 22 grandchildren; 39 great-grandchildren and 14 great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Clarence; two grandchildren; four sisters, Martha Snyder, Mildred Lahr, Clella Bauman and Fern Smith; a half sister, Mary

Chamberlain; two brothers, John J. and Mark Paul Harris, and two half-brothers, Orville and Walter Harris.

Visitation is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m., with a rosary service at 6 p.m. Friday, Feb. 18, at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Drive in Columbia City. Family prayers are at 9:30 a.m. Saturday at the funeral home with the funeral mass at 10:30 a.m. at St. Catherine of Alexandria Catholic Church, with Father Kenneth Sarrazine officiating. Burial is at St. Catherine's Catholic Cemetery.

Memorial bequests may be given in Mrs. Hine's memory to masses to the church or the building fund of St. Catherine of Alexandria Catholic Church.

Smith service

Pastor Tom Beers of Columbia City Church of the Nazarene and Pastor Rick Van Horn of Believer's Bible Church, officiated at the funeral service for Mabel L. Smith, 94, on Tuesday, Feb. 15, 2005 at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home in Columbia City.

The organ prelude included "How Great Thou Art," "Peace in the Valley," "Blessed Assurance" and "Precious Memories," with "Where We'll Never Grow Old" as postlude by Evelyn Stemen. Vocalist Brenda Tenney, sang "Amazing Grace" and Loren Maierle sang "Will the Circle Be Unbroken." A video celebrating Mrs. Smith's life was shown before dismissing family and friends.

Casketbearers were Bob Weber, Daniel Dailey, Bill Lewis, Tom Smith, Todd Vogts and Trevor Kneller. Honorary bearers were Cleon and Harold Downing and Ralph and Gerald Dailey. Burial was at Nolt Cemetery, rural Columbia City.

Mrs. Smith, sister of Marie Jones and Marshall Smith, died Saturday, Feb. 12, at Parkview Whitley Hospital in Columbia City.

To send condolences to the family, sign the guest register or to light a memorial candle in Mrs. Hine's memory, log onto www.demoneygrimes.com.

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**Logan Jeremiah Lynn
Wiseman, infant**

- Feb. 15, 2005 -

Logan Jeremiah Lynn Wiseman, newborn son of Joseph Michael and Emily Ellen (Ponder) Wiseman of North Webster, died Tuesday afternoon Feb. 15, 2005 at Lutheran Hospital of Indiana in Fort Wayne.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by a half sister, Gabrielle; paternal grandparents, Jack L. and Lovisa Wiseman of Pierceton; maternal grandmother, Sara Luis Mills of Warsaw; paternal great-grandmothers, Virginia Wiseman of Columbia City and G. Ruth Flora of Warsaw; and several aunts and uncles.

A graveside service is at 4:30 p.m. today at Salem Cemetery, Wilmont, with Pastor David Biberstein officiating.

Arrangements are by DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home in Columbia City.

To send family condolences, sign the register book or to light a memorial candle in Logan's memory, log onto www.demoneygrimes.com.

M. Marie Henry, 81

Nov. 14, 1923 - Feb. 16, 2005

M. Marie Henry, 81, of Churubusco, died Wednesday, Feb. 16, 2005 at St. Joseph Medical Center in Fort Wayne.

Born on Nov. 14, 1923 in Montpelier, she was a daughter of the late George O. Croft and Mabel Rife.



A homemaker, she had served in the Navy.

Survivors include a son, Jon (Bonnie) Ferrell of Churubusco; a brother, George Croft of Texas; five grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Darwin Henry.

Private family service.

Arrangements are by Advantage Funeral & Cremation Service, 2403 E. Wallen Road, Fort Wayne.

Jack A. Walker, 87

Nov. 23, 1917 - Feb. 20, 2005

Jack A. Walker, 87, of Decatur, died at 5:15 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 20, 2005 at Adams County Memorial Hospital in Decatur.

Born in Columbia City on Nov. 23, 1917, a son of Willard and Gladys Aletha (Geiger) Walker, he graduated from Columbia City High School with the Class of 1937. He spent his entire lifetime in the Columbia City area, moving to Decatur in 1990.

He married Vivian Christiana Haney in Albion, Pa., on March 9, 1941. She died July 19, 1989. His second marriage was to Rosemary Lehman on Nov. 22, 1990 in Decatur.

Mr. Walker was founder of Walker's Sinclair Service Station in Columbia City and managed it for several years. He then became a wholesale sales representative in northeastern Indiana for F. McConnell & Sons in Decatur, retiring in 1985 after more than 30 years of service.

A member of Columbia City Free and Accepted Masons Lodge 189, he was a member of Fraternal Order of Eagles Lodge 1906, both of Columbia City.; the Scottish Rite and Mizpah Shrine of Fort Wayne, and St. Mark's United Methodist Church of Decatur.

Survivors include his wife, Rosemary of Decatur; a son, Jack Pierce (Linda) Walker of Columbia City; two daughters, Elizabeth Ann (Henry) Muller of Fort Wayne, and Aletha Sue "Susie" Walker of Albion; two step-daughters, Karla (Martin) Hayes of Tucson, Ariz., and Jane (Floyd) Thieme of Decatur; three grandchildren; four step-grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; three step great-grandchildren,

and two sisters, Garnet E. (David) Diffendarfer and Mildred Ann (John) Enyeart, both of Columbia City.

In addition to his parents and first wife, he was preceded in death by a sister, Mary A. Sickafoose.



Walker

Max L. Holycross, 86

July 15, 1928 - Feb. 20, 2005

Max L. Holycross, 86, an Etna Troy Township resident, died at 10:10 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 20, 2005 at Miller's Merry Manor in Columbia City, where he had been a resident for the past month.



Born on July 15, 1918 in Troy Township, Whitley County, a son of Lyman M. and Florence Edna (Watson) Holycross, he graduated from Larwill High School in 1936. He continued his education at International Business College and was an avid reader with a love for learning.

Employed with the United States Census Bureau until his enlistment in the U.S. Coast Guard, he served during World War II. Following his discharge, he was employed at International Harvester and later General Electric, where he retired in 1980 with 30 years of service.

Survivors include three sisters, Doris M. Krider of Columbia City; Dora F. Holycross of Fort Wayne; Jane Stuver of Columbia City; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Keith A. Holycross and a sister, Joyce R. Holycross.

The funeral service is at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 23, at Smith and Sons funeral Home in Columbia City, with visitation two hours prior to the service. Burial is at Lakeview Cemetery, Larwill.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to Fort Wayne Rescue Mission.

Visitation is from 2 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 22, at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Drive in Columbia City, with a Masonic Lodge Twilight Memorial service at 8 p.m. The funeral service is at 2 p.m. Wednesday with Pastor Fuhrman Miller of St. Mark's United Methodist Church officiating. Calling is also one hour prior to the service. Burial is at South Park Annex Cemetery, Columbia City.

Memorial bequests may be given in Mr. Walker's memory to Mizpah Shrine Children's Hospital, or St. Mark's United Methodist Church, Decatur. Envelopes are available at the funeral home.

To send condolences to the family, sign the guest register, or to light a memorial candle in Mr. Walker's memory, log onto www.demoney.grimes.com.

Virginia H. German, 83

Jan. 1, 1942 - Feb. 19, 2005

Virginia H. German, 83, a resident of rural Fort Wayne, and widow of Erwin R. German, died at 5 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 19, 2005 at Kingston Care Center in Fort Wayne. She had been in declining health for some time, and had been seriously ill for the past two months.

Born on Jan. 1, 1922 in Monroeville, a daughter of Clay and Golda (Heckler) Spaulding, her formative years were spent there and she graduated from Monroeville High School.



German

On Sept. 6, 1942 she was married in Monroeville to Erwin R. German. They moved to Eel River Township and lived on the family farm in rural Allen County her entire adult life. Mr. German preceded her in death on June 17, 1991.

Employed as a clerk for the Indiana State Highway Department for more than 20 years, she retired in 1989.

A member of Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church, she was a member of the Noble County Homemakers, the former 'Busco Boots 'n Bonnets Square Dance Club, and served as an Eel River Township precinct committeeperson.

Survivors include six children, Craig (Janice) German of Flowery Branch, Ga.; Cheryl (David) Chung of Lusby, Md.; Colleen Lunn of Wabash; Carla (Thomas) Bechman of Franklin; Carma (Bruce) Foster of Laketon; and Curtis (Brenda) German of rural Fort Wayne; a brother, Floyd Spaulding of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Lucille Woods of Saginaw, Mich., and Pauline Smuts of Tyler, Texas; 12 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by three sisters, Elizabeth House, Dorothy Adams and Marguerite Bowers; a son-in-law, Robert Lunn, and a great-grandson.

The funeral service is at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 23, at Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church with Pastor Larry Smith officiating. The family will receive friends from 2 to 8 p.m.

Tuesday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco, or at the church one hour prior to the service Wednesday. Interment is at Eel River Cemetery, south of Churubusco.

For those who wish, memorials may be directed to the American Cancer Society or the Wabash Miami Home Health Care & Hospice, 710 N. East Street, Wabash, IN 46992.

Condolences may be e-mailed to the family at sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

Raymond C. Fearnow Sr., 91

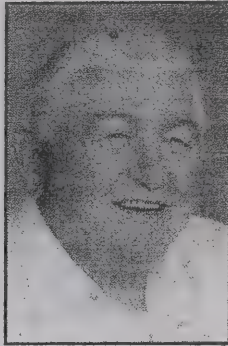
Aug. 16, 1913 - Feb. 20, 2005

Raymond C. Fearnow Sr., 91, of Columbia City, died at 12:10 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 20, 2005 at The Oaks Nursing Home in Columbia City.

Born on Aug. 16, 1913 in Wabash County, he was a son of Arlie and Mary (Bever) Fearnow.

He married Nora Brown on Feb. 14, 1938 at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Lagro.

Retiring from farming in 1964, he also worked at the Wabash County Highway Department for nine years.



Fearnow

He was a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Lagro and St. Paul's Church of the Cross Catholic Church in Columbia City.

Survivors include his wife, Nora of Columbia City; three sons, Phillip (Judy) Fearnow of Marion; Raymond C. (Rose) Fearnow Jr. of Columbia City, and John Steven (Lois) Fearnow of Roann; a daughter Camilla R. Fearnow of Columbia City; five sisters, Mary Elizabeth Bishop of Atlanta, Ga.; Ellen Gebhart of Fort

Wayne; Frances Tracy of Wabash, and Katherin Flack of Greensburg; Florence Barnett of St. Joseph, Mich.; three brothers, Fred (Marilyn) Fearnow of Ocala, Fla.; Floyd (Bonnie) Fearnow of Wabash, and Patrick Fearnow of Atlanta, Ga.; 18 grandchildren; 32 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandson.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Clarence Fearnow and a grandson.

The funeral service is at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 23, at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Lagro, with Father James Rose officiating. Burial is at St. Patrick's Cemetery, Lagro. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Ave., Wabash. A rosary service is at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

The memorial book for Mr. Fearnow may be signed at grandstaff-hentgen.com.

Memorials may be made to the family of Raymond C. Fearnow Sr.

Don Helton, 67

March 25, 1937 - Feb. 20, 2005

Don Helton, 67, of Alger, Ohio, and formerly of Columbia City, died at 2:05 pm. Sunday, Feb. 20, 2005 at his residence.

Born on March 25, 1937 in Johnson County, Ky., he was a son of Charles and Louise (Jackson) Spears Helton.

While residing in Columbia City, he was a machinist for the Weatherhead Company.

Survivors include a son, Shannon Helton of Laurelville, Ohio; a daughter, Stoney Lee 'Shawnee Helton-Knoop' Hively of Hopkinsville, Ky.; a sister, Velcie Daniel of Alger, Ohio; six half-sisters, Lucille Gray and Garnet Lehner, both of Mansfield, Ohio; Joann Rhodes of Alger; Joy Martin and Judy Sexton, both of Ada, Ohio; and Janice Sexton of Russells Point, Ohio; seven half-brothers, William E. Spears of Paintsville, Ky.; Jerry Spears of Mansfield; Berl Helton of Kenton, Ohio; Franklin D. Helton of Pennsylvania; J.B. Helton of Kenton, Ohio; Doyle Helton of Alger and Charles Helton of Cincinnati, Ohio; and a granddaughter.

He was preceded in death by a brother, George Helton and a half-brother, Melvin Helton.

The funeral service is at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 23, at Hanson-Neely Funeral Home in Alger, with the Rev. James Holbrook officiating. Burial is at Preston Cemetery, Alger. Friends may call from 4 to 6 and 6 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home and prior to the service on Wednesday.

Condolences may be sent to hansonneely@wcoil.com.

Wiseman service

Family and friends gathered at the graveside service on Feb. 18, 2005 at Salem Cemetery, Wilmot for infant Logan Jeremiah Lynn Wiseman, with Pastor David Biberstein of Salem Church officiating.

Logan, son of Joseph and Emily Wiseman, died Tuesday Feb. 15.

Arrangements were completed by DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home in Columbia City.

Staples service

The funeral service for David W. Staples, 42, was held Thursday morning, Feb. 17, 2005, at Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City with Wally Collier officiating.

A variety of favorite selections played during the prelude and postlude included "Knockin' on Heaven's Door" by Eric Clapton, "Tears in Heaven" and "Running on Faith." Katie Gomori sang "There You'll Be" during the service.

The committal service followed at Pleasant Chapel Cemetery in Huntington County. Casketbearers were Clint Shatzer, Michael Staples, Jeff Vanderford, Brent Gibson, Marty Rossiter and Cody Geise. Honorary bearers were David D. Staples and Chuck Samples.

Mr. Staples, the husband of Toni (Rupert) Staples, died Mon., Feb. 14.

Hine service

Father Kenneth Sarrazine officiated at the funeral mass for Ruth E. Hine, age 98, on Sat., Feb. 19, 2005, at St. Catherine of Alexandria Catholic Church.

Music included "Amazing Grace," "Ave Maria," "On Eagles Wings" and "Gentle Woman" with Kurt and Judy Kehmeyer as organist and cantor.

Casketbearers were Myron, Kevin, Hugh, Kent, and Jerry Brown, Roland and Jon Scheiber, Gary and Dennis Hine, Jeff and Bill Smith, Troy and Scott Gillum. Burial was at St. Catherine's Catholic Cemetery, Columbia City.

Mrs. Hine, mother of Elizabeth Scheiber, Marie Smith, Bonita Gillum, Ramona Brown and Harris Hine, passed away on Tues., Feb. 15, 2005.

Services were arranged by DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, Columbia City.

Blanche Pauline Patton, 96

Sept. 15, 1908 - Feb. 23, 2005

Blanche Pauline Patton, 96, formerly of Columbia City, died at 11:15 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 23, 2005 at The Oaks Living Center in Columbia City.

Born in Columbia City on Sept. 15, 1908, a daughter of Charles and Maude (Egolf) Nichols, she was reared in Whitley County where she received her formal education. She graduated from high school in Fort Wayne and entered Fort Wayne International Business College.

**Patton**

Following her graduation from college, she was employed as a secretary at General Electric Company in Fort Wayne for 10 years. After returning to Whitley County in 1960, she was elected to two terms of office as Whitley County Clerk, serving from 1971 to 1979.

She married Milford Henry "Jim" Patton on Sept. 27, 1927. He died Dec. 3, 1996.

A member of Columbia City United Methodist Church, and the Lydia Group of its Women's Society, she was a former member of the Business and Professional Women's Club and the Home Extension Club, all of Columbia City; and Faith Shrine of Fort Wayne.

Survivors include a son, Gary M. (Michelle) Patton of Columbia City; a daughter, Alice P. Habig of Fort Wayne; nine grandsons, three granddaughters, 15 great-grandchildren, and a sister, Lois E. Baker of Columbia City.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by a son, Lynn J. Patton; three sisters, Georgia Stephan, Eletha Mathias and Norma Thomas, and four brothers, Paul, Kenneth, Ralph and Charles Thomas "Tom" Nichols.

Visitation is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 25, at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Drive in Columbia City. The funeral service is at 10:30 a.m. Saturday with the Rev. C. Jack Scott, of Columbia City United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial is at Egolf Cemetery, state Route 9 North, Columbia City.

Memorial bequests may be given in Mrs. Patton's memory to the donors choice. Envelopes are available at the funeral home.

To send condolences to the family, sign the guest register, or to light a memorial candle in Mrs. Patton's memory, visit www.demoneygrimes.com.

Larry L. Schuman, 67

Jan. 21, 1938 - Feb. 23, 2005

Larry L. Schuman, 67, of Richland Township, died suddenly Wednesday morning, Feb. 23, 2005, of natural causes.

Born on Jan. 21, 1938 in Richland Township, Whitley County, a son of Walter G. and Myrtle O. (Coyle) Schuman, he graduated from Larwill High School in 1956. He received his bachelors degree in agriculture economics and masters degree in agricultural education from Purdue University.

**Schuman**

On Aug. 28, 1960 he was united in marriage to Lexie Ann Finch and they made their first home in West Lafayette. In 1961 they moved to Whitley County where they continued their residence with the exception of six months in Corydon. In May of 1972 they purchased their farm six miles west of Columbia City. Mrs. Schuman died Aug. 23, 1997.

He was involved in a variety of agriculture employment opportunities including teaching high school vocational agriculture, animal feed sales, farm broadcasting in Elkhart and his association with Schrader Real Estate and Auction Company, beginning in 1980.

On Sept. 30, 2000 he was united in marriage to Betty L. (Swihart) Alderfer and they made their home on the farm west of Columbia City.

A licensed real estate broker and licensed auctioneer, he was a member of Fort Wayne Board of Realtors, Indiana Association of Realtors and National Association of Realtors. He was also a former member of National Association of Farm Broadcasters.

He attended New Hope Wesleyan Church.

Surviving relatives include his wife, Betty; four sons, Keith (Priscilla) Schuman of Lafayette, Duane (Erin) Schuman of Fort Wayne, Nelson (Melinda) Schuman of Noblesville, and Christopher Schuman of Huntington; a daughter, Jana (Mike) MacFarlane of Fairbanks, Alaska; two step-daughters, Teri (Pat) Musto of Lakeville,

Christopher Matthew Haisley, 15

Oct. 18, 1989 - Feb. 23, 2005

Christopher Matthew Haisley, 15, of South Whitley, died of natural causes at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 23, 2005 at his home.

Born on Oct. 18, 1989 in Fort Wayne, a son of Christopher Lee Haisley and Jill R. Dimmick, he attended Whitko Middle School.

Surviving relatives include his mother and step-father, Jill and Louis Lombari; four siblings, Adam Dimmick; Claire Foster, Isabelle Lombari and Simon Lombari, all at home; his grandparents, James and Karol Dimmick and Reba Christian, all of South Whitley; and his caregiver, Margery Fenner of Fort Wayne.

In addition to his father, he was preceded in death by great-grandparents, the Rev. Henry and Esther Ulrick and Russell and Alma Dimmick.

The funeral service is at 1 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 27, at Smith and Sons Miller Chapel in South Whitley with the Rev. Jonathan Damon, of First Baptist Church of South Whitley, officiating. Burial is at South Whitley Cemetery. Visitation is from 2 to 6 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

For those who wish, memorials may be directed to the family.

**Haisley**

Minn., and Barbara (Chris) Ballinger of Warsaw; 12 grandchildren; three step-grandchildren, and his step-mother, Olive Schuman of Columbia City.

In addition to his first wife, he was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Everett Schuman.

The funeral service is at 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 27, at Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City with the Rev. Barry Faucett, of New Hope Wesleyan Church, officiating. Burial is at South Park Annex Cemetery. Visitation is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to Whitley County Community Foundation or the American Heart Fund.

Betty Lorraine Hostetler, 77

April 13, 1927 - Feb. 23, 2005

Betty Lorraine Hostetler, 77, of Pierceton, died at 8:28 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 23, 2005 at Mason's Health Care in Warsaw.

Born on April 13, 1927 in Fort Wayne, she was a daughter of Edward G. and R. Georgia (Hippensteel) Baker. Most of her lifetime was spent in the Pierceton area.

She married Donovan H. Hostetler on Oct. 9, 1949 in Kosciusko County.

Her employment included Pierceton State Bank and 1st National Bank.

She was the Pierceton Presbyterian Church organist and served as an elder and treasurer; was secretary of Pierceton Chamber of Commerce; secretary LLCA (Lakeland Community Concert Assoc.), and secretary of Pierceton Library Board. Her hobbies included sewing and flower gardening.

Survivors include children, Janet Berrier of Elkhart; Joan Ellen Hostetler and John M. Harris of Indianapolis, and three grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, a granddaughter and a half-brother, Virgil Baker.

The funeral service is at 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 26, at the Presbyterian Church in Pierceton. Visitation is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. today at McHatton-Sadler Funeral Chapel, State Road 13, Pierceton. Burial is at Hillcrest Cemetery, Pierceton.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to Pierceton Presbyterian Church or Alzheimer's Association.

A memorial guestbook for Betty may be viewed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.

Walker service

The Rev. Furhman Miller of St. Mark's United Methodist Church, officiated at the funeral service for Jack A. Walker, 87, on Wednesday, Feb. 23, 2005 at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home in Columbia City.

The organ prelude "How Great Thou Art," "Amazing Grace," "Beautiful Isle" and "The Lord Is My Shepherd" with "My God and I" as postlude by Evelyn Stemen. Family remembrances were shared by Christina Morgan, a granddaughter.

Casketbearers were Robert and Mike Haney, Tom and Greg Brockhaus, Scott Morgan and Cordell Hoover. Honorary bearers were Floyd

Theime, Henry Muller and Martin Hayes. Burial was at South Park Annex Cemetery, Columbia City.

The Masonic Lodge 189 twilight memorial service was conducted on Tuesday evening at the funeral home with the following members participating: Kent A. Jackson, Paul R. Lopshire, Jesse D. Lane, Bill Kincaid, Scott Morgan, Tom Brockhaus, Gene Rohrer, Harold Krider, Mike Craig, Jerry Freewalt, Jerry Yagel, Barry A. Truman, Rene Alaire, Tom Drew, Thomas Trier, Kirk Little, Orville Grable and Marlin Worden.

Mr. Walker, husband of Rosemary, and father of Jack P. Walker, Elizabeth A. Muller and Aletha S. Walker, died Sunday, Feb. 20.

Dennie Lemmon, 68

Spt. 12, 1936 - Feb. 25, 2005

Dennie Gene Lemmon, 68, of Warsaw died at 9:55 a.m. on Fri., Feb. 25 at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Born in Columbia City on Sept. 12, 1936, he was a son of Philip and Merle I. (Plummer) Lemmon.

He graduated with the class of 1954 from Columbia City High School. He served for six years in the U.S. Marine and Army Reserve.

He was first employed by LML, S&L Truck Stop in Columbia City for 23 and a half years. He was semi-retired as a driver for Depuy, and his last employment was in the maintenance department of Leisure Living in Milford.

He served as a volunteer for the Columbia City Fire Department and was a member of the Pierceton United Methodist Church. His first marriage was to Joy Joan Brown on June 11, 1955. His second marriage was to Anne-Christine Tague on Aug. 9, 1997, in Pierceton.

Survivors include his wife, Anne Christine Lemmon of Warsaw; two daughters, Jill (Dana) Burgess of Columbia City and Janel (Edward) Hover of Warsaw; three step-daughters, Shiela (James) Juchs of Reisterstown, Mass., Jennifer Mudrack of Fort Wayne and Amanda Mudrack of Warsaw; seven grandchildren; and two brothers, Philip Dean (Ann) Lemmon and Jerry L. Lemmon both of Columbia City.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a son, Jody Gene Lemmon on April 11, 2004.

Visitation will be held from 2 to 8 p.m. on Sun., Feb. 27, 2005 at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Dr., Columbia City.

Funeral service will be held at 10 a.m. on Mon., Feb. 28, 2005, at the funeral home with Pastor Diane Siegel of Pierceton United Methodist Church and Pastor Noble Pulsipher of Reflections of Christ Ministries officiating. Burial will be at Eberhard Lutheran Cemetery in Columbia City.



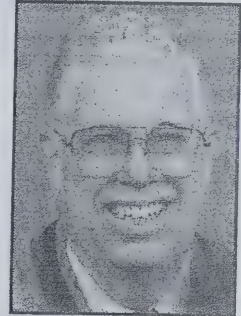
Lemmon

Louis A. Henline, 83

Feb. 10, 1922 - Feb. 24, 2005

Louis A. Henline, 83, a former resident of Columbia City, died Thursday evening, Feb. 24, 2005 at Miller's Merry Manor in Peru, where he had been a resident since April 10, 1998.

He was born on Feb. 10, 1922, in Redwood, Calif., a son of Freeman R. "Pop" and Barbara L. (Blanchard) Henline. His formative years were spent on the west coast. He completed his education in the state of Washington.



Henline

On June 8, 1947, he was united in marriage to Juanita L. (Becknell)

Henline. They made their home in Columbia City for 30 years before moving to Lehigh Acres, Fla. They later moved to Three Oaks, Mich. Mrs. Henline preceded him in death on Jan. 29, 2004.

He retired in 1975 from Dana Corp., Fort Wayne, with 27 years of service.

A member of Eagles Lodge 1906, he is survived by two daughters, Linda K. Hatton of Peru and Judy A. Walton of Three Oaks, Mich.; two sons, Michael L. (Karen) Henline of Huntington and David E. Henline of Jensen Beach, Fla.; 11 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and three step-great-grandchildren.

In addition to his wife, he was preceded in death by a grandson; two brothers, Robert and Clarence; and two sisters, Evelyn and Juanita Carpenter.

The funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. on Mon., Feb. 28, 2005, at Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City. The burial will be in Nolt Cemetery. The visitation will be from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to American Heart Association.

Memorials may be given in Mr. Lemmon's memory to the American Diabetes Association or the American Heart Association. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home.

To send condolences to the family, sign the guest register or to light a memorial candle in Mr. Lemmon's memory, visit www.demoneygrimes.com.

Emma C. Johnston, 99

Oct. 19, 1905 - Feb. 25, 2005

Emma C. Johnston, 99, a former resident of Churubusco, died at 9:20 a.m. on Fri., Feb. 25, 2005, at Shepherd of the Hill Nursing Home in Kendallville. She had been a resident at the nursing home for the past nine years.

Mrs. Johnston was born in Leo-Cedarville on Oct. 19, 1905, a daughter of John and Isabelle (Metzger) Fuchshuber, and spent her formative years in Fort Wayne. Her first marriage was to Herman Miller, who preceded her in death in 1931.

As a young woman, she worked at Fort Wayne Knitting Mills. She was married to James H. Johnston on Jan. 18, 1956, and moved to Churubusco at that time. Mr. Johnston preceded her in death on Sept. 23, 1997.

She was a member of the Faith Lutheran Church in Churubusco and the SCC Club.

Surviving relatives include a daughter, Ruth (Kenneth, Jr.) Leitch of Avilla; a sister, Marth Bertha Zelt of Petosky, Mich.; six grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren and 15 great-great-grandchildren.

**Johnston**

In addition to her parents and two husbands, she was preceded in death by two brothers, Charles Fuchshuber and Louis Fuchshuber; and two sisters, Maude Sink and Mary Soest.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. on Sunday at Faith Lutheran Church in Churubusco with Pastor Lane Burgland officiating.

The family will receive friends at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco on Saturday from 2 to 6 p.m. and at the church one hour prior to the service. Interment will follow at Eel River Cemetery in Churubusco.

For those who wish, memorials may be directed to Faith Lutheran Church or Shepherd of the Hill Nursing Home.

Condolences may be e-mailed to the family at sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

Pauline V. Miracle, 84

May 17, 1920 - Feb. 25, 2005

Pauline V. Miracle, 84, a former resident of Churubusco, died early Friday morning in the Heritage Park Nursing Home in Fort Wayne following an extended illness.

Born in Middlesboro, Ky., on May 17, 1920, she was a daughter of Paris and Mossie (Smith) Wylie. She had lived in Speedwell, Tenn., before moving to Churubusco in 1960, she then moved to Fort Wayne in 1991.

Mrs. Miracle had worked for the Monsanto Company in Ligonier as an assembly worker until she retired in 1975.

Survivors include her sons, Richard L. (Judy) Miracle of Fort Wayne and Bobby L. (Amelia) Miracle of Oklahoma City, Okla.; two sisters, Margaret Ginkinger of Allentown, Pa., and Helen Mosingo of Monroe, Mich.; a brother, Jack (Betty) Wylie of Cumberland Gap, Tenn.; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Ed and Charles; and three sisters, Gladys, Ruby and Hattie.

Calling hours will be held Sunday from 2 to 5 p.m. in the Sheets and Childs Funeral Home with a prayer service at 5 p.m. A graveside service will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. in the Wylie Cemetery in Harrogate, Tenn., conducted by the Reece Funeral Home of Harrogate.

Condolences may be e-mailed to the family at sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

Holycross service

The funeral service for Max L. Holycross, 86, was Wednesday, Feb. 23, 2005 at Smith and

Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City, with the Rev. Jim Albarran, a nephew-in-law, officiating.

The committal service followed at Lakeview Cemetery, Larwill. Nephews serving as casketbearers were Darwin Sievers, Stanley Krider, Nick Krider, Randall Krider, Roger Grable and Barry Grable.

Mr. Holycross, brother of Doris M. Krider, Dora F. Holycross and Jane Stuver, died Sunday, Feb. 20.

Marylyn Jean Bolinger, 72

July 19, 1932 - Feb. 26, 2005

Marylyn Jean Bolinger, 72, of Columbia City, died at 12:40 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 26, 2005 at

Miller's Merry Manor, where she had resided for the past few months.

Born on July 19, 1932 in Columbia City, she was a daughter of Charles William and Fannie Elizabeth (Sellers) Geiger Sr. After her birth, the family moved to their farm in Union Township.

She later moved to Columbia Township, and returned to Columbia City in 1992. She graduated with the Class of 1950 from Coesse High School.

On Nov. 29, 1953, she married Bill Devere Bolinger in the home of Pastor Marion Shroyer.

She was employed by Dana Weatherhead Corporation as a security guard from 1987 to 1992 and she retired in 1997 as an inspector from Bond Flex, Columbia City, after 34 years of service.

Survivors include two sons, Danny (Michelle) Bolinger of Columbia City and Lonnie E. Bolinger of Syracuse; five daughters, Stacy Jo (Scott) Gagnon and Toni L. (Benji) Fugate, both of Columbia City, Jan Ellen Smith and Lois A. (Russell) Gagnon, both of Huntington and Lori J. (Randy) DeBaille of Pierceton; 14 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by her husband, Bill; a daughter, Debbie Sue Bolinger; a step son, Gary Bolinger; and two brothers, Charles J. and Willard E. Geiger.

Visitation is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. today, Feb. 28, 2005 at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Dr., Columbia City. The funeral service is at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the funeral home with Pastor John Cummings of the Community Bible Church officiating. Burial is at Covington Memorial Gardens, Fort Wayne.

To send condolences to the family, sign the guest register or to light a memorial candle in

Mrs. Bolinger's memory, please visit www.demoneygrimes.com.

**Bolinger****John B. Griswold, 87**

May 9, 1917 - Feb. 27, 2005

John B. Griswold, 87, of Washington Township, died Sunday morning, Feb. 27, 2005.

Born May 9, 1917 in Ironton, Ohio, a son of John M. and Alma (Coyer) Griswold, his formative years were spent there.

On Nov. 4, 1940, he married Dorothy B. Phillips, and they made their first home in Portsmouth, Va.

He enlisted in the United States Army on April 25, 1945, serving in Okinawa during World War II. He was honorably discharged on Nov. 7, 1946.

He was employed at the Norfolk Ship yards from 1940 until 1945. Following his discharge from the army, he worked for Phelps Dodge for 36 years, until his retirement in 1982. He also worked at G & L Construction as a welder for a short time.

Survivors include his wife, Dorothy; four daughters, Mary Ann (Noel) Henschen of Uniondale, Virginia L. Bowling of Fort Wayne, Becky J. (Richard) Schmidt of Columbia City and Melinda S. "Mindy" Blaugh of Fort Wayne; a son, John M. (Joni) Griswold of Roanoke; 10 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother, George D. Griswold.

The funeral service is at 11 a.m. Wednesday, March 2, 2005 at Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City with Rev. Craig LaSeur officiating. Burial is in Nolt Cemetery. Visitation is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to American Heart Association.

**Griswold**

Berneice B. Anderson, 96

July 17, 1908 - Feb. 26, 2005

Berneice B. Anderson, 96, died Saturday, Feb. 26, 2005 at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana.

She was born July 17, 1908 in Kendallville. She was married to a farmer, Frederick Leo Anderson, who preceded her in death in 1969.

A member of the Roanoke Eastern Star 62 and several home economics clubs, she loved making quilts.

Survivors include three sons, Ray Lee (Joan Rita) Anderson, J. Clifford (Melba) Anderson and Carl Wayne (Jane) Anderson, all of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Shirla (Lawrence) Henney of Columbia City; 18



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grandchildren; 29 great-grandchildren; and seven great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband Frederick; a daughter, Dorothy Deese; and a son, James Frederick Anderson.

The funeral service is at 1 p.m. Thursday, March 3, 2005 at Elzey Patterson Rodak Home for Funerals, 6810 Old Trail Rd., Fort Wayne. Visitation is 2 to 6 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home and also one hour prior to the service on Thursday. Burial is at Greenlawn Memorial Park, Fort Wayne.

Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association or the church of your choice.

Patton service

Rev. C. Jack Scott of Columbia City United Methodist Church officiated at the funeral service for Blanche P. Patton, 96, on Sat., Feb. 26, 2005, at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home.

The organ prelude included "Amazing Grace," "Finlandia," "America the Beautiful" and "The Rose" with "God Be With You" as postlude by Evelyn Stemen. A video celebrating Mrs. Patton's life was shown before dismissing family and friends.

Casket bearers were Steven, Bruce and Thomas Habig, Dan, Scott, Michael, Bradley and Joseph Patton and Phil Stephan. Burial was at Egolf Cemetery.

Mrs. Patton, mother of Gary Patton and Alice Habig, passed away on Wed., Feb. 23, 2005, at Oaks Living Care Center.

Lemmon service

Pastor Diane Siegel of Pierceton United Methodist Church and Pastor Noble Pulsipher of Christ Ministries officiated at the funeral service for Dennie G. Lemmon, 68, on Mon., Feb. 28, 2005, at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home.

The organ prelude included "Be Thou My Vision," "My Faith Looks Up To Thee" and "Rock of Ages" with "Only Trust Him" as postlude by Evelyn Stemen. A video celebrating Mr. Lemmon's life was shown before dismissing family and friends.

Casket bearers were Dana and Emory Burgess, James Juchs, Chad, Joel and Steve Lemmon and Chad McCoy. Burial was at Eberhard Lutheran Cemetery, rural Columbia City.

Mr. Lemmon, husband of Anne Lemmon, father of Jill Burgess and Janel Hover, passed away on Fri., Feb. 25, 2005.

Schuman service

The funeral service for Larry L. Schuman, 67, was Sunday, Feb. 27, 2005 at Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City with the Rev. Barry Faucett, of New Hope Wesleyan Church, officiating. Nelson, Duane and Keith, three of his four sons, shared special reflections.

A variety of hymns were played during the prelude and postlude, including "How Great Thou Art."

The committal service followed at South Park Annex Cemetery. Casketbearers were Rex Schrader, Gary Boggs, Arden Schrader, Fred Geyer, Rex Juillerat and Larry Burnworth.

Mr. Schuman, husband of Betty L. (Swihart) Alderfer Schuman, died Wednesday, Feb. 23.

Henline service

The funeral service for Louis A. Henline, 83, was Monday, Feb. 28, 2005 at Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City with the Rev. Jack Scott, of Columbia City United Methodist Church, officiating.

A variety of hymns were played during the prelude and postlude.

The committal service followed at Nolt Cemetery. Casketbearers were Chad Henline, Cory Henline, John Hatton, Josh Hatton, Steve Walton and Nick Kirk.

Mr. Henline, widower of Juanita L. (Backnell) Henline, died Thursday, Feb. 24.

Haisley service

The funeral service for Christopher Matthew Haisley, 15, was Sunday, Feb. 27, 2005 at Smith and Sons Miller Chapel in South Whitley with the Rev. Jonathan Damon, of First Baptist Church of South Whitley, officiating.

A variety of children's selections were played during the prelude and postlude, including "Jesus Loves Me."

The committal service followed at South Whitley Cemetery. Casketbearers were Timothy Dimmick, Patrick Dimmick, Nicholas Dimmick, Kevin Dimmick, Steven Tackitt and Greg Dimmick.

Master Haisley, son of Jill R. (Louis) Lombardi, died Wednesday, Feb. 23.

Roberta 'Bert' J. Ott, 61

Dec. 20, 1943 - March 2, 2005

Roberta "Bert" J. Ott, 61, a resident of rural Albion, died at 3:05 a.m. Wednesday, March 2, 2005 at the Hospice Home in Fort Wayne following a brief illness.

Born on Dec. 20, 1943 in Kendallville, a daughter of Robert R. "Mike" and Velda (Leitch) Winebrenner, her formative years were spent in Green Township. She graduated from Albion High School in 1962.

Employed as a customer service representative for Lyall Assemblies, Inc., in Merriam, she had worked there for 13 years. In her leisure time she enjoyed sending greeting cards and most especially enjoyed her family and friends. She was also known for her love of the color purple.

On May 27, 2000 she was married in Noble County to Keith A. Ott. He survives.

Other survivors include five children, Renee (Rex) Ott; Randy L. Katz and Terry E. (companion Brook Yontz) Ott, all of Albion, and Susan (Roland) Ransom and Tina (Shannon) Van Horn, both of Thompson, Mo.; her parents, Robert "Mike" and Velda Winebrenner of Huntertown, and nine grandchildren.

The funeral service is at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 5, at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with the Rev. Walter Winebrenner, uncle of Mrs. Ott, officiating. The family will receive friends at the mortuary from 2 to 8 p.m. Friday. Interment is at Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

For those who wish, memorials may be directed to Visiting Nurse Service Hospice Home, Fort Wayne.

Condolences may be e-mailed to the family at sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

**Ott****Louise F. Luderman, 94**

March 1, 1911 - March 2, 2005

Louise F. Luderman, 94, of Columbia City, died at 7 a.m. Wednesday, March 2, 2005 at her home.

Born on March 1, 1911 in Fort Wayne, a daughter of Robert and Flora (Pester) Heinig, she received her formal education in the Fort Wayne city schools.

Her marriage to Wilbert Luderman took place on Oct. 26, 1929 in Auburn. In 1934 she moved from Allen County to Whitley County where she made her home until the time of her death.

She was employed as a cashier at Shultz Brothers 5&10 and Ames Dept. Store until 1992.

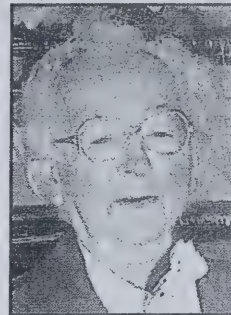
She was baptized in the Lutheran Church.

Survivors include two daughters, Luella Myers and Dorothy Miller, both of Columbia City; 10 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren and 11 great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by a sister, four brothers, a daughter and two great-grandchildren.

The funeral service is at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, March 5, at Shoda-Wilkinson Funeral Home in Columbia City, with the Rev. Curtiss Johnson officiating. Visitation is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Interment is at South Park Annex Cemetery, Columbia City.

Memorial requests include the Humane Society of Whitley County, Parkview Home Health and Hospice, or donor's choice of charity.

**Luderman**

Billy Rowdabaugh Jr., 85

June 29, 1919 - March 1, 2005

Billy Rowdabaugh Jr., 85, of Goshen, died at 12:25 p.m. Tuesday, March 1, 2005 at Greencroft Healthcare in Goshen.

Born on June 29, 1919 in Wabash County, he was a son of Floyd and Hazel (Isley) Rowdabaugh.

A lifetime area resident, he was a farmer and factory worker in the shipping department at Goshen Rubber.

On Dec. 22, 1945 he was married to Opal Weybright at Bethany Church of the Brethren. She is deceased.

On Feb. 23, 1963 he was married to Ruby Cummins at the New Paris Church of the Brethren.

He was a member of Rock Run Church of the Brethren and a former member of Bethany Church of the Brethren. He was also a member of the Farm Bureau.

In addition to his wife, survivors include a daughter, Bonnie (Gordon) Westphal of New Paris; a son, Richard Rowdabaugh of Goshen; seven grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; a great-great-grandson; and a sister, Beverly (Wilmer "Bill") Fisher-Yoder of Goshen.

In addition to his parents and first wife, he was preceded in death by a sister.

A prayer service is at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, March 5, at Yoder-Culp Funeral Home, 1911 South Main Street, Goshen, with the Rev. Tim Waits of Rock Run Church of the Brethren and the Rev. Wayne Lawson of Goshen City Church of the Brethren officiating. Burial follows at Baintertown Cemetery, Goshen.

A memorial service is at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Rock Run Church of the Brethren.

Preferred memorials are to Goshen Hospital Hospice or Elkhart County Triad.

Condolences may be sent to yoderculpfuneralhome.com.

**Rowdabaugh****Griswold service**

The funeral service for John B. Griswold, 87, was Wednesday, March 2, 2005 at Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City, with the Rev. Craig LeSeur officiating. Family members, Mindy Blaugh, Becky Schmidt, John Griswold, Ann Jones and Jennifer Jones, shared personal reflections.

A variety of hymns were played during the prelude and postlude including "On Eagles Wings," "Amazing Grace" and "Stormy Weather" by Billy Holiday.

Representatives of American Legion Post 98, Bill Wheeler and Frank Daniels, presented military honors at the funeral home.

The committal service followed at Nolt Cemetery. Casketbearers were Jim Stark, Mitchell Schmidt, Matt Bowling, Brad Henschen, Johnny Revers and Chad Fahl.

Mr. Griswold, husband of Dorothy B. (Phillips) Griswold, died Sunday, Feb. 27.

Betty Mae Crowell, 74

Sept. 20, 1930 - March 1, 2005

Betty Mae Crowell, 74, of Columbia City, died at 5:15 a.m. Tuesday, March 1, 2005 at the McAllen Medical Center, McAllen, Hidalgo County, Texas, where she had been wintering.

Born on Sept. 20, 1930 in Smith Township, Whitley County, she was a daughter of Auriel D. and Mildred L. (Crabill) Wilcoxson. She attended Coesse High School and spent her entire lifetime in Whitley County.

Her marriage to Kenneth Guy Crowell took place on May 14, 1949 in Collins.

She worked at Weatherhead Company and Essex in Columbia City and Heaters in South Whitley, however, she mostly was a homemaker.

Her church membership was with the Oak Grove Church of God and its Mission Circle.

Survivors include her husband, Kenneth; a daughter, Linda (Cleo) Landis of Columbia City; a son, Terry L. (Jody) Crowell of Cicero; seven grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; a sister, Marie (Jerome) Fry of Columbia City; and four brothers, Charles (Margaret) Wilcoxson of Columbia City; John D. (Linda) Wilcoxson of Harrisburg, Mo.; Paul H. (Judy) Wilcoxson of Columbia, Mo., and Larry (Nancy) Wilcoxson of Harrisburg, Mo.

She was preceded in death by her parents, a grandson, and two brothers, Dale and James A. Wilcoxson.

Visitation is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday, March 6, at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Drive in Columbia City. The funeral service is at 11 a.m. Monday at the funeral home with Pastor Carroll McNutt, formerly of Oak Grove Church of God, officiating. Burial is at Oak Grove Cemetery, rural Columbia City.

Memorial bequests may be given in Mrs. Crowell's memory to the American Heart Association. Envelopes are available at the funeral home.

To send condolences to the family, sign the guest register or to light a memorial candle in Mrs. Crowell's memory, please visit www.demoneygrimes.com.



Crowell

John M. Weber, 74

June 18, 1930 - March 3, 2005

John M. Weber, 74, a resident of South Whitley, died at 2:02 a.m. Thursday, March 3, 2005 at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne where he was admitted on Wednesday.

Born on June 18, 1930 in Fort Wayne, he was a son of John M. and Barbara P. (Meier) Weber. In 1938 his family moved to South Whitley and he graduated from South Whitley High School.

On March 28, 1964 he was united in marriage to Virginia L. Stephens. They have always made their home in South Whitley, moving to their present home in 1998.

In addition to working 37 years for Sunday Visitor, which later became Noll Printing, from which he retired in 1990, he operated a taylor shop in South Whitley and later the Recreation Center and finally Weber's Antique Shoppe.

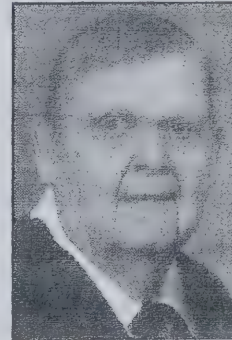
He was a member of Oak Grove United Methodist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Virginia; a daughter, Sheila (Dave) Meadows of South Whitley; three sons, Clint (Cindy) Hatton of South Whitley; John (Mary) Hatton of Fort Wayne, and Steve (Donna) Weber of South Whitley; 11 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren, and two sisters, Mary Stephens and Barbara Jane Weber, both of South Whitley.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a son, Dola Jr. Hatton, and a brother, Charles Weber.

The funeral service is at 2 p.m. Sunday, March 6, at Smith and Sons Miller Chapel in South Whitley with the Rev. Gene Rohrer, of Oak Grove United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial is at South Whitley Cemetery. Visitation is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to Oak Grove United Methodist Church.



Weber

Bolinger service

Pastor John Cummings of Community Bible Church, officiated at the funeral service for Marylyn J. Bolinger, 72, on Tuesday, March 1, 2005 at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home in Columbia City.

Organist Evelyn Stemen included "Wings of a Dove," "Footprints in the Sand," "Peace in the Valley" and "Wind Beneath My Wings" in the prelude, with "God Be With You" as postlude. A video celebrating Mrs. Bolinger's life was shown before dismissing family and friends.

Casketbearers were Brett Gagon, Benji Fugate, T.J. Tuttle, Shilo Wilkerson, Riley DeBaille and Jeremy Bolinger. Burial was at Covington Memorial Gardens in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Bolinger, mother of Danny and Lonnie Bolinger, Stacy Gagnon, Toni Fugate, Jan Smith, Lois Gagon and Lori DeBaille, died Saturday, Feb. 26, at Miller's Merry Manor.

The following obituary is being reprinted to include additional survivors — CAH

Roberta 'Bert' J. Ott, 61

Dec. 20, 1943 - March 2, 2005

Roberta "Bert" J. Ott, 61, a resident of rural Albion, died at 3:05 a.m. Wednesday, March 2, 2005 at the Hospice Home in Fort Wayne following a brief illness.

Born on Dec. 20, 1943 in Kendallville, a daughter of Robert R. "Mike" and Velda (Leitch) Winebrenner, her formative years were spent in Green Township. She graduated from Albion High School in 1962.



Ott

Employed as a customer service representative for Lyall Assemblies, Inc., in Merriam, she had worked there for 13 years. In her leisure time she enjoyed sending greeting cards and most especially enjoyed her family and friends. She was also known for her love of the color purple.

On May 27, 2000 she was married in Noble County to Keith A. Ott. He survives.

Other survivors include five children, Renee (Rex) Ott; Randy L. Katz and Terry E. (companion Brook Yontz) Ott, all of Albion, and Susan (Roland) Ransom and Tina (Shannon) Van Horn, both of Thompson, Mo.; her parents, Robert "Mike" and Velda Winebrenner of Albion; her mother-in-law, Ruth Ott of Albion; a brother Oran J. (Carol) Winebrenner of Hometown, and nine grandchildren.

The funeral service is at 10 a.m. today at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with the Rev. Walter Winebrenner, uncle of Mrs. Ott, officiating. The family received friends at the mortuary Friday evening. Interment is at Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

For those who wish, memorials may be directed to Visiting Nurse Service Hospice Home, Fort Wayne.

Condolences may be e-mailed to the family at sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

Larry Lee Trimmer, 68

Dec. 28, 1936 - March 2, 2005

Larry Lee Trimmer, 68, of Manchester, Tenn., died Wednesday, March 2, 2005, at Vanderbilt University Medical Center.

Born on Dec. 28, 1936, in Columbia City, he was a son of Floyd and Madge Trimmer.

Mr. Trimmer was a past Manchester City Alderman and was actively involved with the Industrial Board. Upon his retirement from A.E.D.C., he was the project engineering facility director for V.K.F.

He was a charter member of Trinity Baptist Church, where he served as a deacon, Sunday School director and former music director. He was an avid woodworker, which led to his father and him starting Tomorrow's Antiques.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife of 44 years, Judy Trimmer.

Survivors include three daughters, Jenny (Mike) Jackson of Manchester, Tenn., Susan (Greg) Kilgore of Tullahoma, Tenn., and Cathy Trimmer of Franklin, Tenn.; and six grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Mon., March 7, 2005, at Trinity Baptist Church in Manchester, Tenn., with Dr. Kerry Walker, Dr. Steve Bingham and Rev. Sidney Gibson officiating. Visitation will be from 3:30 to 8 p.m. on Sunday at Coffee County Funeral Chapel, LLC, in Manchester. Burial will be at Rose Hill Memorial Gardens in Coffee County, Tenn.

The family asks that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to Trinity Baptist Church Building Fund.

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Condolences may be e-mailed to the family at sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

Virgil Darwin Johnston, 80

July 1, 1924 - March 5, 2005

Virgil Darwin Johnston, 80, a resident of Columbia City, and formerly of Union Township, died at 5:09 a.m. Saturday, March 5, 2005 at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. He had become ill at his home on Wednesday and had been hospitalized since that time.

Born on July 1, 1924 in Churubusco, a son of Frank A. and Nellie (Valentine) Johnston, his formative years were spent in Churubusco and he graduated from Churubusco High School in 1942. He attended Purdue University for two years.

As a young man he was employed at Dana Corporation in Fort Wayne.

He married Lois N. Longenecker on Oct. 13, 1951 in Columbia City. The couple moved to Union Township following their marriage, where he was engaged in farming most of his adult life until retiring in 1997. The couple moved to Columbia City following his retirement.

Survivors include his wife, Lois; four children, Kathy (Brent) DeWitt of Churubusco; Linda (John) Pruss of Lawrenceburg; Kevin (Lou Ann) Johnston of West Lafayette, and Kelly (Tom) Landis of Churubusco; eight grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral service is at 10 a.m. Tuesday, March 8, at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with the Rev. Tim Kumfer, of Big Lake Church of God, officiating. The family will receive friends at the mortuary from 6 to 8 p.m. today, or one hour prior to the service Tuesday. Interment is in the family plot at Eel River Cemetery, south of Churubusco.

For those who wish, memorials may be directed to the donor's choice.

Condolences may be e-mailed to the family at sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.



Johnston

Ruth Ellen Hiatt, 74

Aug. 5, 1930 - March 5, 2005

Ruth Ellen Hiatt, 74, a resident of Churubusco, and widow of Phillip L. Hiatt, died at 10:16 p.m. Saturday, March 5, 2005 at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne. She had been a patient there since Feb. 17.

Born in Chicago on Aug. 5, 1930, a daughter of Rex and Margaret (Mulcahy) McGinley, she moved to Albion as a young girl with her parents. Her formative years were spent in Albion and she graduated from Albion High School in 1948. She received her nursing diploma from St. Joseph Hospital School of Nursing in Fort Wayne in 1953.

As a young woman she worked as a nurse at Children's Hospital in Chicago.

On Sept. 5, 1961, she married Phillip L. Hiatt in Evanston, Ill. Early in their marriage they lived in Noble and Allen counties before moving to their present home in Churubusco in 1975. Mr. Hiatt preceded her in death on Feb. 20, 1999.

A member of St. John Bosco Catholic Church, she was devoted to God and thoroughly enjoyed her children and grandchildren.

Employed as a unit coordinator at Byron Heath Center in Fort Wayne, she retired from there in 1992 after 20 years.

Survivors include a daughter, Margaret Hiatt of Churubusco; three sons, Daniel Hiatt and Donald Hiatt, both of Churubusco, and Michael (Michèle) Hiatt of Avon, Ohio; a sister Catherine (Weldon) Mawhorter of Albion; a brother, Joseph P. (Viola) McGinley of Kendallville, and nine grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by a brother, Edward McGinley, an infant brother and an infant sister.

The Mass of Christian Burial is at 10 a.m. Wednesday, March 9, at St. John Bosco Catholic Church in Churubusco, with Father Danney Pinto as celebrant. The family will receive friends from 2 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco, with the Rosary recited at 8 p.m. Interment is at Rose Hill Cemetery, Albion.

For those who wish, memorials may be directed to masses.



Hiatt

Lena S. Starkey, 105

Feb. 10, 1900 - March 4, 2005

Lena S. Starkey, 105, of Wolf Lake, died at 8:40 p.m. Friday, March 4, 2005 at Parkview Whitley Hospital in Columbia City where she was admitted on Wednesday.

Born on Feb. 10, 1900 in Noble County, a daughter of William H. and Lydia Irene (Frederick) Smith, her formative years were spent in the Merriam and Wolf Lake areas. She graduated from Wolf Lake High School and Anthony Wayne Institute.



Starkey

On Aug. 26, 1922 she was married to Joseph Arthur Starkey. They made their home in Lafayette, Churubusco, Merriam, North Webster and Swan Township in Noble County. Portage and later returned to the Starkey farm in Noble

Township, Noble County. They retired to their home at Wolf Lake in 1962 and began wintering in Port Orange, Fla. until the mid-1980s. Mr. Starkey died on March 26, 1971.

She taught school for a year at Little Lake School, was a stenographer at Wayne Tank & Pump and an administrative secretary at Purdue University. During World War II she worked at Kingsbury Ordinance Plant and later was a bookkeeper for Gary Drapery.

A member of Merriam Christian Chapel, she served as church organist and pianist for many years. She was a member of Farm Bureau of Noble County, Phythian Sisters and Noble Seniors Home Demonstration Club. She was also a member of the Home Demonstration Chorus of Indiana, performing in various locations throughout the United States and Canada, including Seattle, Wash.; Washington D.C., Sarasota, Fla., Pasadena, Calif. and Toronto, Ontario.

Survivors include a son, Mirwood Allen (Lois) Starkey of Mooreland; five daughters, Mary Ellen (Phil) Adams Goodrich and Joan Tobey, both of Wolf Lake; Jane Cowan of Sheperdsville, Ky.; Nancy May (Fred) Larson of Hobart and Shirley Ann Hile of Kimmell; 24 grandchildren; 48 great-grandchildren; 13 great-great-grandchildren, and a great-great-great-grandchild.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by an infant son; two sisters, Bernice Friskney and Vera Justus; and two brothers, Marion T. Smith and Frederick Smith.

The funeral service is at 10:30 a.m. Friday, March 11, at Merriam Christian Chapel, 3985 South U.S. 33, with visitation one hour prior. Burial is at Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam. Visitation is from 2 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Shirley Hile's home, 5635 West 100 South, west of Wolf Lake.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to the Gideons or Merriam Christian Chapel.

Arrangements are by Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City.

Fern E. Swick, 86

Oct. 18, 1918 - March 7, 2005

Fern E. Swick, 86, of Warsaw, formerly of the Burket community, died at 1:15 a.m. Monday, March 7, 2005 at Miller's Merry Manor in Warsaw.

Born on Oct. 18, 1918 in Kosciusko County, she was a daughter of Ivan Warren and Amanda Rupley.

On May 18, 1936 she was united in marriage to Claude E. Swick at Claypool. He died July 31, 2002.

A homemaker, she was a member of Burket United Methodist Church and the pray and share group of the church.

Survivors include three daughters, Arlene (Melvin) Miller of Warsaw; Marilyn (James) Collins and Nancy Kuhn, both of Rochester; five sons, Frank (Judy) Swick of Mentone; Ronnie (Carolyn) Swick of Claypool; Macks (Donna) Swick of Warsaw; David (Tammy) Swick of Warsaw, and Mark (Valerie) Swick of Indianapolis; two sisters, a twin, Fay Smith of Warsaw, and Leatha Nees of Mayer, Ariz.; several grandchildren, great-grandchildren and a few great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by a son, Eldon Swick; two sisters and three brothers.

The funeral service is at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, March 9, at Hartzler Funeral Home, 305 West Rochester Street, Akron with the Rev. Don Poyser officiating. Visitation is from 4 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

For those who wish, memorial contributions may be made to Burket United Methodist Church.

Luderman service

The funeral service for Louise F. Luderman, 94, was Saturday, March 5, 2005 at Shoda-Wilkinson Funeral Home in Columbia City with the Rev. Curtiss Johnson, retired pastor of Community Bible Church, officiating.

Organist Mary Miller played a variety of hymns including "The Old Rugged Cross," "Amazing Grace," "Peace in the Valley," "Just a Closer Walk With Thee," "What a Friend We Have In Jesus," "In the Garden," "Ave Maria" and "How Great Thou Art."

Serving as casketbearers were Marty Rose, Jim Ray, Mike Banks, Matthew Miller, Gary Lundblad, David Lundblad, David Burkley and Jim Wesley Ray. Interment took place at South Park Annex, Columbia City.

Mrs. Luderman died Wednesday, March 2.

Weber service

The funeral service for John M. Weber, 74, was Sunday, March 6, 2005 at Smith and Sons Miller Chapel in South Whitley, with the Rev. Gene Rohrer, of Oak Grove United Methodist Church, officiating.

A variety of hymns were played during the prelude and postlude including "How Great Thou Art," "What A Friend We Have In Jesus" and "Amazing Grace."

The committal service followed at South Whitley Cemetery. Casketbearers were Joseph Hatton, Jeremiah Hatton, Travis Hatton, Trey Weber, Uriah Stephens, Mike Stephens and Steve Mattax.

Mr. Weber, husband of Virginia L. (Stephen) Weber and father of Sheila (Dave) Meadows, Clint (Cindy) Hatton, John (Mary) Hatton and Steve (Donna) Weber, died Thursday, March 3.

Crowell service

Pastor Carroll McNutt, formerly of Oak Grove Church of God, officiated at the funeral service for Betty M. Crowell, 74, on Monday, March 7, 2005 at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home in Columbia City.

The organ prelude included "Blessed Assurance," "Rock of Ages," "Beautiful Isle" and "What A Friend We Have In Jesus" with "I Believe" as postlude by Evelyn Stemen. A video celebrating Mrs. Crowell's life was shown before dismissing family and friends.

Casketbearers were Paul, Darrin, Mike, Eric and Donny Wilcoxson, Mike Ferguson, and Josh and Wes Crowell. Burial was at Oak Grove Cemetery.

Mrs. Crowell, wife of Kenneth Crowell, and mother of Linda Landis and Terry Crowell, died Tuesday, March 1, at McAllen Medical Center in Texas.

Patricia M. Ambrose, 67

June 26, 1937 - March 7, 2005

Patricia M. Ambrose, 67, of South Whitley, died at 10:40 a.m. Monday, March 7, 2005 at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Born in Whitley County, a daughter of Harley and Viola May (Pritchard) King, she attended Columbia City High School.

A homemaker, she spent her entire lifetime in Whitley County except from 1969-1979, when she lived in White Pigeon, Mich.

**Ambrose**

Survivors include a daughter, Nancy (Matthew) Nix of South Whitley; two sons, Rick (Brenda) Deubner of South Whitley, and Gene (Deborah) Deubner of Vandalia, Mich.; a son-in-law, David Jones of Sturgis, Mich.; two sisters, Bonnie (Ted) Hare of Columbia City, and Peggy Kidd of Andrews; a brother, Roger (Karen) King of Columbia City; 17 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her first husband, Dwight D. Deubner; a daughter, Sandra Jones; a sister, Gertrude Fosnaugh and four brothers, Ronald, Robert, Larry and Jerry King.

Visitation is from 3 to 5 and 6 to 9 p.m. today at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Drive in Columbia City. The funeral service is at 11 a.m. Wednesday, with calling one hour prior to the service. The Rev. Curtiss Johnson, formerly of Community Bible Church will officiate. Burial is at South Park (Annex) Cemetery, Columbia City.

Memorial bequests may be given in Mrs. Ambrose's memory to the American Diabetes Association. Envelopes are available at the funeral home.

To send condolences to the family, sign the guest register or to light a memorial candle in Mrs. Ambrose's memory, visit www.demoneygrimes.com.

Guy M. Bell, 86**Feb. 20, 1919 - March 8, 2005**

Guy M. Bell, 86, of North Webster, died at 7 a.m. Tuesday, March 8, 2005 at his home.

Born on Feb. 20, 1919 in Monticello, Ky., he was a son of Will and Una (Denney) Bell.

He moved to Wilmot in 1929 and to North Webster in 1943.

His marriage was to Harriet Cripe on Oct. 18, 1941 in Plymouth. She died March 11, 1999.

A U.S. Army veteran of World War II, serving in the Pacific Theatre, he was a set-up man for Weatherhead Dana, retiring in 1972.

A member of First Christian Church in Warsaw, he attended North Webster United Methodist Church and was a member of North Webster American Legion Post 253.

An avid gardener, he loved basketball.

Survivors include two sons, W.K. "Whitey" Bell of Syracuse, and Lance (Connie) Bell of Sevierville, Tenn.; two daughters, Sheila (Douglas) Aden of Syracuse, and Serita (Wayne) Miner of Goshen; 11 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; a brother, Wilhoyt "Whitey" Bell of North Carolina; two sisters, Effie (Jay) Vanderkolk of Warsaw and Gladys (Nelson) Holloway of Burket.

In addition to his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by two sisters.

The funeral service is at 10:30 a.m. Friday, March 11, at Mishler-Eastland Funeral Home, Harris Chapel, 7458 E. 1000 N., Syracuse, with Pastors Scott Mann and Ronnie Sams officiating. Visitation is from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Burial, with military honors, is at Salem Cemetery, Wilmot.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to First Christian Church Building Fund, Warsaw, North Webster United Methodist Building Fund or the American Cancer Society.



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Jenny Nadine Cooper, 93

Oct. 15, 1911 - March 7, 2005

Jenny Nadine Cooper, 93, of Columbia City, died at 10:30 p.m. Monday, March 7, 2005 at The Oaks in Columbia City.

Born on Oct. 15, 1911 in Macomb, Ill., a daughter of Fred and Nellie (Smith) Flack, she received her education at Macomb Academy.

Her husband, Carl S. Cooper is deceased.

Mrs. Cooper lived in Tennessee, Ill., for 15 years, Peoria, Ill. for 13 years and Peru for seven years. She moved to Tri Lakes in 1954, making Whitley County her home until her death.

Her employment history included Blue Bell, was a representative for Dun & Bradstreet, clerked for Bill Parker's reception hall, bookkeeper for Dale's Salvage, and was a housekeeper and family companion for Dr. and Mrs. Fred Alina and family.

Her memberships included Order of Eastern Star #65, receiving her 50-year pin in 1999.

Survivors include a son, Neil (Sally) Cooper of Columbia City; two daughters, Onalee (Virgil) Hagan of Peoria, Ill., and Carla (John) Mullen of LaGrange; six grandchildren; nine step-grandchildren; 26 step-great-grandchildren, and two step-great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by twin sisters, Helen and Ellen Flack.

The funeral service is at 5 p.m. Friday, March 11, at Shoda-Wilkinson Funeral Home, 116 South Line Street in Columbia City, with the Rev. Jack Scott, of Columbia City United Methodist Church, officiating. Visitation is from 3 to 5 p.m. Friday, prior to the service. Interment is at Greenhill Cemetery, Columbia City.

Memorial requests are to Parkview Home Health & Hospice, Indiana State Library, Division of the Blind or Peabody Library.



Cooper

Marvine Mae Rogers, 51

June 25, 1953 - March 7, 2005

Marvine Mae Rogers, 51, of Huntington, died in her sleep at her home on Monday, March 7, 2005.

Born on June 25, 1953 at the Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis, she was a daughter of James Gordon and Marvine W. Alford. She graduated from Ladywood-St. Agnes Academy with the Class of 1972 and attended Vincennes University for one year.

She lived most of her adult life in the Roanoke and Huntington areas, except for a time between 2002 and 2004 when she lived in Plymouth.

Her marriage to Cameron Grant Rogers took place at China Lake, Calif. on Oct. 12, 1974.

She attended Pleasant Chapel United Methodist Church in Roanoke, as well as other Huntington area Methodist churches.

Survivors include a son, Adam Robert Rogers of Huntington; a daughter, Shirley B. Rogers of Lafayette; a brother, J. Robert Lyons of Alexandria, Va.; various in-laws in Indiana and cousins in California.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her former husband, Cameron Grant Rogers and an infant daughter, Virginia Rogers.

Visitation is from 10 to 11 a.m. Saturday, March 12, at Pleasant Chapel United Methodist Church, 880 E. CR 1100 N, Roanoke, with the funeral service at 11 a.m. Pastor Marvin Grooms will officiate. Burial is at Pleasant Chapel Cemetery, Roanoke.

To send condolences to the family, sign the guest register, or to light a memorial candle in Mrs. Rogers' memory, visit www.demoneygrimes.com.

Funeral arrangements are by the staff at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Drive, Columbia City.



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Juva Hyre Marsden, 92

July 23, 1912 - March 7, 2005

Juva Hyre Marsden, 92, a former resident of Whitley County, died at 9:15 a.m. Monday, March 7, 2005 at Riverwalk Village in Noblesville where she had been a resident for nearly four years.

Born on July 23, 1912 in Stroh, a daughter of Holly and Mame (Harshbarger) Hyre, her formative years were spent in Benton and she graduated from Benton High School.

As a young woman she lived in the Columbia City and Collins area and also lived in

Churubusco for a period. She later lived in Cambridge, Wis. and moved to Santa Monica, Calif. in 1965, where she lived until returning to Indiana in 2001 to be near her nephew.

She was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Santa Monica, was a former president of volunteers for Santa Monica/UCLA Hospital, and was a member of Churubusco Order of Eastern Star 136.



Marsden

Her husband, Glenn Marsden preceded her in death in 2000.

Survivors include her nephew, Robert (Marie) Frash of Noblesville; a step-son, Gene (Margot) Marsden of Pacific Palisades, Calif.; a step-daughter, Sally Marsden of Encino, Calif.; a step-daughter-in-law, Kathy Marsden of Sherman Oaks, Calif.; and several grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by a brother, Ralph W. Hyre and a sister, Elizabeth Frash.

The funeral service is at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 12, at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with Pastor Sue Socha, of Emmanuel Lutheran Church in LaOtto, officiating. The family will receive friends from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday at the mortuary. The Churubusco Order of Eastern Star will conduct a memorial service at 8 p.m. Friday. Interment is in the family plot at Eel River Cemetery, south of Churubusco.

For those who wish, memorials may be directed to the donor's choice.

Condolences may be e-mailed to the family at sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

Ambrose service

The Rev. Curtiss Johnson, formerly of Community Bible Church, officiated at the funeral service for Patricia M. Ambrose, 67, on Wednesday, March 9, 2005 at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home in Columbia City.

The organ prelude included "Because He Lives," "At The End of The Road" and "It Is Well With My Soul," with "Faith Unlocks the Door" as postlude by Evelyn Stemen. Special recorded selections were "In the Garden," "Amazing Grace," "Angels In Waiting" and "Wind Beneath My Wings." A video celebrating Mrs. Ambrose's life was shown before dismissing family and friends.

Casketbearers were Randy Crabill, Ryan Kidd, John Fosnaugh, Bruce Summey, Mark and Timmothy Nix, and Zachary and Joshua Deubner. Burial was at South Park Cemetery.

Mrs. Ambrose, mother of Nancy Nix and Rick and Gene Deubner, died Monday, March 7.

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Elizabeth 'Betty' Arnold, 82

an. 31, 1923 - March 10, 2005

Elizabeth "Betty" Arnold, 82, a resident of Eel River Township in Allen County, and widow of James Sidney "Sid" Arnold, died at 1:50 a.m. Thursday, March 10, 2005 at Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

Born on Jan. 31, 1923 in Perry Township in Allen County, a daughter of Harry J. and Marie (Tate) Pulver, her formative years were spent in rural Allen County and she graduated from Huntertown High School in 1941.

On Feb. 15, 1944 she was married to James Sidney "Sid" Arnold in Savannah, Ga., and lived all of her married life in Eel River Township. Mr. Arnold died Feb. 15, 2000.

Employed at C&C Packing Company, Inc. in Fort Wayne for 10 years, she retired in 1973.

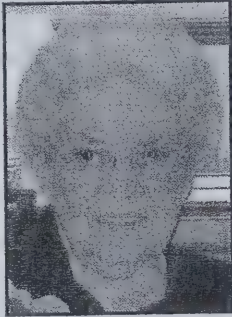
A member of St. Vincent dePaul Catholic Church in Fort Wayne, she was a loving mother and grandmother.

Survivors include her children, Barbara (Philip) Hartzog of Fort Wayne, and Bill (Mary Lou) Arnold of Huntertown; sisters, Kathryn Rudolph, Genevieve Warner and Phyllis Fitch, all of Huntertown; a brother, Jim (Virginia) Pulver of Fort Wayne; nine grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by two sisters, Helen Brinker and Pauline George; and two brothers, Bob Pulver and Bud Pulver.

The Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 12, at St. Vincent dePaul Catholic Church, 1502 E. Wallen Road, with Father Joe Gaughan as celebrant. The family will receive friends from 2 to 8 p.m. today at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco, or at the church one hour prior to the service. A wake service is at 6 p.m. today at the mortuary. Interment is at Highland Park Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Condolences may be e-mailed to the family at sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

**Arnold****Helen E. Bueker, 88**

July 19, 1916 - March 10, 2005

Helen E. Bueker, 88, of Fort Wayne, died at 2:35 a.m. Thursday, March 10, 2005 at Lutheran Hospital of Indiana in Fort Wayne.

Born on July 19, 1916, a daughter of Harry E. and Edith (Forsythe) Heintzelman, she lived her entire life in Allen County, living in Aboite Township for many years. She graduated from Arcola High School with the Class of 1934.

She married W.A. Bueker on Jan. 25, 1941 at Dunfee Christian Church. He died July 26, 1988.

A homemaker, she was a member of Saturn Christian Church.

Survivors include a daughter, Diane Bueker of Cincinnati, Ohio; a son, M.A. (Cheryl) Bueker of Fort Wayne; a long-time family friend, Barry Shoaff of Fort Wayne; a granddaughter; a great-granddaughter; a brother, Ross V. (Charleene) Heintzelman of Columbia City; a sister-in-law, Evelyn Hopping of Michigan and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by a grandson.

Visitation is from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, March 12, at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Drive in Columbia City. The funeral service is at 1 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home, with Pastor John Vickrey of Fort Wayne officiating. Burial is at Jefferson Chapel (Sand Bank) Cemetery, rural Columbia City.

Memorials bequests may be given in Mrs. Bueker's memory to Saturn Christian Church. Envelopes are available at the funeral home.

To send condolences to the family, sign the guest register or to light a memorial candle in Mrs. Bueker's memory, visit www.demoneygrimes.com.

Genevieve A. Armstead, 75

Feb. 15, 1930 - March 10, 2005

Genevieve Armstead, 75, a resident of rural Fort Wayne, died at 4:05 a.m. Thursday, March 10, 2005 at Lutheran Hospital of Indiana in Fort Wayne.

Born on Feb. 15, 1930 in Houston, W. Va, a daughter of Arthur and Zella (Brown) Hudnall, her childhood years were spent in West Virginia prior to coming to Fort Wayne in 1965.

She was married to George C. Armstead who died April 20, 1974.

Mrs. Armstead was a homemaker.

Survivors include her children, Arthur (Debbie) Armstead and Valerie Barrett, both of Fort Wayne; Theda (Mike) Eiffred of Albion; Anita F. (Robert) Shaw; Terry Armstead and Hazel Armstead, all of Fort Wayne; Velma (Don) Johnson of Churubusco; Kathy Langston of Fort Wayne; Pam Biesiada of Churubusco; and Jeffery Armstead of Fort Wayne; a brother, Bud (Glada) Hudnall of Beckley, W. Va.; sisters, Helen Williett of Bremen and Dimple Lanham of W. Va.; 11 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

The funeral service is at 10 a.m. Monday, March 14, in the Bohn Chapel at Lindenwood Cemetery, Fort Wayne. The family will receive friends from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco.

Condolences may be e-mailed to the family at sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.



Armstead

Victoria Elizabeth Woodbury, 53

March 20, 1951 - March 9, 2005

Victory Elizabeth Woodbury, 53, of Fort Wayne, died Wednesday, March 9, 2005 at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Born on March 20, 1951 in Los Angeles, Calif., she was a daughter of Ralph W. and Ethel (Heacock) Anglin.

Employed at Lens Crafters as a manager, she had worked there for five years.

Survivors include her husband, Richard W. Woodbury; a daughter, Danielle Venditto of Columbia City; a son, Scott Smith of Los Banos, Calif.; her mother, Ethel Anglin of Columbia City; two brothers, Eric Anglin of Portland, Ore. and Alan Anglin of Virginia; and eight grandchildren.

The funeral service is at 11 a.m. Monday, March 14, at Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Wayne Street Chapel, 420 W. Wayne St., Fort Wayne. Visitation is from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.



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Columbia City, Indiana

Deloris Gloria May Gordon, 67

March 18, 1937 - March 10, 2005

Deloris Gloria May Gordon, 67, a resident of rural Columbia City near Collins, and wife of David L. Gordon, died at noon Thursday, March 10, 2005 at Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home in Fort Wayne. She had been in declining health since December.

Born in Muskingum County, Ohio, on March 18, 1937, a daughter of Ralph and Catherine (Ritenhouse) Foust, she spent her formative years in Ohio and Florida.



Gordon

On May 4, 1964 she was married in Phoenix, Ariz. to David L. Gordon. The couple lived in Arizona, New Mexico and California early in their marriage and moved to Whitley County in 1965. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include her husband, David; three children, Anita Williams of Ashland, Ohio; David Mark Gordon of Columbia City, and Lawrence Gordon of Indianapolis; her adopted mother, Clydie Allison of Hope, Ark.; two brothers, Donald Allison of Greenville, Texas, and Ronald Allison of Wooster, Ohio; three sisters, Bonnie White of Mayer, Ariz.; Donna Goegel of Philo, Ohio, and Irene Harding of Mansfield, Ohio; two half-brothers, Raymond Fluharty of Zanesville, Ohio, and George Hamilton of Canal Fulton, Ohio; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a sister, Merril Murray.

The funeral service is at 2 p.m. Monday, March 14, at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco, with the Rev. Paul D. White, of Churubusco Church of the Nazarene, officiating. The family will receive friends at the mortuary from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday, or one hour prior to the service Monday. Interment is at Eel River Cemetery, south of Churubusco.

Sally A. Dailey, 72

Oct. 6, 1932 - March 12, 2005

Sally A. Dailey, 72, of rural Columbia City, died at 3:40 p.m. Saturday, March 12, 2005 at her home.

Born on Oct. 6, 1932 in Fort Wayne, Allen County, a daughter of Arthur and Bertha (Reed) Nieber, she graduated from Central Catholic High School in Fort Wayne.

She married Thomas E. Dailey on May 17, 1952 at St. Mary's Catholic Church Rectory, Fort Wayne. They lived in the Fort Wayne area until moving to Loon Lake in 1977. Mr. Dailey, died

Feb. 23, 1991.

Mrs. Dailey worked at Hall's Restaurant on Bluffton Road and General Electric in Fort Wayne.

Survivors include three sons, Michael (Abbey) Dailey and Terry A. (Tammy) Dailey, both of Columbia City, and Scott (Laura) Dailey of Fort Wayne; 14 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and a sister, Patricia Kamphues.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by a sister, Sherry Nieber.

Visitation is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 15, at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Drive, Columbia City. The funeral service is at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at the funeral home with Father Joe Rulli of St. Therese Catholic Church, Lower Huntington Road, Fort Wayne, as officiant. Burial is at Highland Park Cemetery, Wallen Road, Fort Wayne.

Memorial bequests may be given in Mrs. Dailey's memory to donor's choice. Envelopes are available at the funeral home.

To send condolences to the family, sign the guest register or to light a memorial candle in Mrs. Dailey's memory, visit www.demoneygrimes.com.



Dailey

Helen J. Overholt-Clements, 85

April 1, 1919 - March 13, 2005

Helen J. Overholt-Clements, 85, of Huntington, died at 2 a.m. Sunday, March 13, 2005 at Miller's Merry Manor.

Born on April 1, 1919 in Allen County, she was the daughter of Ben and Blanche (DeMoney) Clark. She graduated from Jefferson Center High School in Whitley County and earned a secretarial degree from International Business College.

On June 8, 1940, in Whitley County, she married Earl R. Overholt. He preceded her in death on Nov. 2, 1971. She then married James E. Clements on May 1, 1993 in Huntington. He died on March 28, 2003.

In 1989, she retired from the David Culp Company where she had worked for more than 22 years. She was also a seamstress. She was a member of Evangelical United Methodist Church, a lifetime member of the P.T.A. of Huntington County and served on the Huntington City School Board. She was a member and past Worthy Matron of the Order of Eastern Star Flora Chapter 75, the Child Welfare Club, Current Events Club and the Business & Professional Women's Club, all of Huntington.

Survivors include one son, Larry D. (Lynda) Overholt of Aurora, Ohio and two daughters Janet (Ron) DeWitt of Bluffton and Kay (Jerry) Mills of Pensacola, Fla.; a step-son Jerin Clements of Huntington, a step-daughter Sharon (Larry) Sprowl of Huntington; a brother, Joe Clark of Fort Wayne; a sister Fay Mills of Leesburg, Fla.; seven grandchildren, three step-grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and six step-great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and two husbands, she was preceded in death by a daughter, Marsha Bollinger and a brother, Dale Clark.

Visitation is from 2 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 15, at Bailey-Love Mortuary, Huntington, with Order of Eastern Star Twilight Service at 6 p.m. The funeral service at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Bailey-Love with the Rev. Marti Lundy officiating. Burial is at Gardens of Memory in Huntington County.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Evangelical United Methodist Church, Miller's Merry Manor or to the donor's choice, in care of Bailey-Love Mortuary 35 W. Park Dr., Huntington, IN 46750.

Words of sympathy may be e-mailed to the family at baileylove@sbglobal.net.

Lynette Ann Moran, 49**April 9, 1955 - March 11, 2005**

Lynette Ann Moran, 49, of Columbia City, died at 2:10 a.m. Friday, March 11, 2005 at Covington Manor Nursing Center in Fort Wayne.

Born on April 9, 1955 in Bluffton, Wells County, a daughter of Kedrick and Claris (Buskirk) Eversole, she graduated from Norwell High School in 1973.

She married Michael Moran on March 18, 1988 at Uniondale United Methodist Church in Uniondale.

Employed for 20 years as an office manager for Technical Marketing Corporation in Fort Wayne, she resided in Uniondale, Zanesville and Fort Wayne before moving to Columbia City in 1988.

A member of Columbia City United Methodist Church, she was a member of Women of the Moose. An avid softball player, she loved to be at their lake home in North Webster where she skied and enjoyed beautiful sunsets.

Survivors include her husband, Michael; her parents, Kedrick and Claris Eversole of Lake Placid, Fla.; two sisters, Twila Bell of Texas and Clarene of Florida; two brothers, Vance Eversole of Texas and Gail Eversole of New Haven.

Visitation is from noon until 2 p.m. Saturday, March 19, at Columbia City United Methodist Church, 605 Forest Parkway, Columbia City. The funeral service is at 2 p.m. Saturday at the church with Pastors C. Jack Scott and Mark Need officiating.

Funeral arrangements are by DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Drive, Columbia City.

Memorial bequests may be given in Mrs. Moran's memory to Columbia City United Methodist Church or Visiting Nurse Service and Hospice Home, Homestead Road, Fort Wayne. Envelopes are available at the funeral home.

To send condolences to the family, sign the guest register or to light a memorial candle in Mrs. Moran's memory, visit

www.demoneygrimes.com

**Moran****Walter H. Smock, 93****Sept. 28, 1911 - March 13, 2005**

Walter H. Smock, 93, of North Manchester, died at 6:30 a.m. Sunday, March 13, 2005 at his residence.

Born on Sept. 28, 1911, in Whitley County, he was a son of Walter and Olive (Drake) Smith.

On Feb. 25, 1944, he was united in marriage to Wilma E. Thomas, who survives.

He was a retired engineer from General Motors in Detroit, Mich.

He was preceded in death by two step-sisters.

The funeral service is at 10 a.m. Wednesday, March 16, with Pastor Melissa Rice officiating, at DeLaughter-McKee Mortuary, North Manchester Chapel. Calling is one hour prior to the service. Burial is at South Whitley Cemetery in South Whitley.

Memorials may be directed to the Heart Fund in care of DeLaughter-McKee, 1401 St. Road 114 W, North Manchester, IN 46962.

Dale E. Durnell, 64

Dale E. Durnell, 64, of Fort Wayne, died Thursday, March 10, 2005 at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

A Fort Wayne native, he was a processor at Peter Eckrich & Sons for 28 years, retiring in 1986.

He was a member of the United States Ice Fishing Team and considered by many to be the Yoda of ice fishing.

Survivors include his wife, Nancy C.; a daughter, Michelle E. Durnell of Woodbridge, Va.; a son, Jeff Durnell of Fort Wayne; two grandchildren; two sisters, Phyllis Hoffman of Tennessee and Sharon Troutman of Florida.

Visitation is from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 15, at Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Home, Winchester Road Chapel, 6424 Winchester Road, Fort Wayne.

There is no service.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to Ducks Unlimited.

Jean E. Fisher, 87**July 22, 1917 - March 11, 2005**

Jean E. Fisher, 87, a former resident of Columbia City, died at 8 p.m. on March 11, 2005 at the Life Care Center in Rochester.

Born on July 22, 1917 in Whitley County, she was a daughter of Millard Clifton and Cora Estella (Mosher) Smith. She was a 1936 graduate of Columbia City High School.

On Nov. 11, 1939, she married Harold D. Fisher, who preceded her in death on June 3, 1993.

In 1967, she moved to Rochester from Hartford City. A homemaker, she was a member of the Fulton County Republican Club and First Church of God.

Survivors include two nephews, including Millard Galbreath of Columbia City, two nieces, several great-nieces and nephews and a great-great-niece.

In addition to her parents and husband, a sister, Peggy (Charles) Klemans also preceded her in death.

Funeral services will be conducted at 10 a.m. Wednesday, March 16, at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, 1101 Jefferson St. in Rochester, with the Rev. David Dittman officiating. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday and one hour prior to the service at the funeral home Wednesday. Burial is at South Park Cemetery in Columbia City.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the American Lung Association.

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The following obituary is being reprinted to change time of service. — CAH

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She married Thomas E. Dailey on May 17, 1952 at St. Mary's Catholic Church Rectory, Fort Wayne. They lived in the Fort Wayne area until moving to Loon Lake in 1977. Mr. Dailey, died Feb. 23, 1991.

Mrs. Dailey worked at Hall's Restaurant on Bluffton Road and General Electric in Fort Wayne.

Survivors include three sons, Michael (Abbey) Dailey and Terry A. (Tammy) Dailey, both of Columbia City, and Scott (Laura) Dailey of Fort Wayne; 14 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and a sister, Patricia Kamphues.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by a sister, Sherry Nieber.

Visitation is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 15, at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Drive, Columbia City. The funeral service is at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the funeral home with Father Joe Rulli of St. Therese Catholic Church, Lower Huntington Road, Fort Wayne, as officiant. Burial is at Highland Park Cemetery, Wallen Road, Fort Wayne.

Memorial bequests may be given in Mrs. Dailey's memory to donor's choice. Envelopes are available at the funeral home.

To send condolences to the family, sign the guest register or to light a memorial candle in Mrs.

Dailey's memory, visit www.demoneygrimes.com.



Dailey

Gerald T. Paris, 74

Aug. 3, 1930 - March 13, 2005

Gerald Paris, 74, of Columbia City, died at 7:45 a.m. Sunday, March 13, 2005 at his residence.

Born on Aug. 3, 1930 in Rosiclare, Ill., a son of Augustus Green and Dulice Matilda (Smock) Paris, he graduated from Rosiclare High School.

He served in the U.S. Air Force for 20 years, retiring in 1971.

He lived in Whitley County since 1971 and after retiring he returned to Columbia City and helped to found and develop the Opportunity Center, now known as Passages, Inc. for 15 years.

Survivors include two sons, Jerry Paris of Columbia City; a daughter, Kathleen Miller of Fort Wayne; a sister, Marjorie (Wayne) Fowler of Henderson, Ky.; two brothers, Gus (Beth) Paris of Owensboro, Ky. and Bill (Mary Ann) Paris of St. Louis, Mo.; and a grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a daughter, Debra A. Paris.

Visitation is from 6 to 7 p.m. Friday, March 18, at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Drive in Columbia City. The funeral service is at 7 p.m. Friday at the funeral home with Pastor Barry Faucett, of New Hope Wesleyan Church, officiating. Military committal service will be conducted by Columbia City American Legion Post 98.

Memorial gifts may be given in Mr. Paris' memory to Parkview Whitley Home Health Care and Hospice. Envelopes are available at the funeral home.

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Paris

Starkey service

The funeral service for Lena S. Starkey, 105, was Friday, March 11, 2005 at Merriam Christian Chapel, with the Rev. Terry Zolman officiating. Lynn Adams shared a poem and Linda Dailey shared a tribute.

Kay Ann Riddle played a variety of hymns during the organ prelude and postlude including "How Great Thou Art." Congregational hymns were "In the Garden" and "His Name Is Wonderful." Brad Adams sang "God Wonders," Cal and Joe Hile, along with Max, Daniel and Neil Lortie sang "The Old Rugged Cross." Jody Sherwood sang "I'll Talk to the Father" and Sharon Zolman sang, "No Man Is An Island" and "There's Just Something About That Name."

Committal service followed at Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam. Casketbearers were Rod Dailey, Mike Cowan, C.J. Adams, Mike Green, Glen Larson and Scott Hile.

Mrs. Starkey, widow of Joseph Arthur Starkey, and mother of Mirwood Allen (Lois) Starkey, Mary Ellen (Phil) Adams Goodrich, Jane Cowan, Joan Tobey, Nancy May (Fred) Larson and Shirley Ann Hile, died Friday, March 4.

Arrangements were completed by Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City.

Bueker service

Pastor John Vickrey officiated at the funeral service for Helen E. Bueker, 88, on Saturday, March 12, 2005 at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home.

Organist Evelyn Stemen included "I'd Rather Have Jesus," "The Old Rugged Cross," "Room At The Cross For You" and "Amazing Grace" as prelude, with "My Faith Looks Up To Thee" as postlude. Vocal duets by Pastor and Mrs. John Vickrey of "In The Garden" and "Sweet Hour of Prayer" were shared as special music. A video celebrating Mrs. Bueker's life was shown before dismissing family and friends.

Burial was at Jefferson Chapel (Sand Bank) Cemetery.

Mrs. Bueker, a homemaker and mother of Diana and M.A. Bueker, died Thursday, March 10, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Rogers service

Pastor Marvin Grooms officiated at the funeral service for Marvine M. Rogers, 51, on Saturday, March 12, 2005 at Pleasant Chapel United Methodist Church.

Organ prelude and postlude included traditional hymns. A video celebrating Ms. Rogers' life was shown before dismissing family and friends.

Casketbearers were family and friends. Burial followed the service at Pleasant Chapel Cemetery, Roanoke.

Ms. Rogers, mother of Adam R. and Shirley B. Rogers, and sister of J. Robert Lyons, died Monday, March 7, at her home.

Arrangements were by DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home in Columbia City.

Gaylord E. Turner, 84

Sept. 26, 1920 - March 13, 2005

Gaylord E. Turner, 84, of Orland, died Sunday, March 13, 2005 at Miller's Merry Manor in LaGrange.

Born on Sept. 26, 1920 in Fort Wayne, he was a son of Gordon S. and Elaine (McArthur) Turner.

A retired lineman for NIPSCO, he was married to Alberta L. "Betty" Napier on March 17, 1999.

Survivors include his wife, Alberta "Betty" Turner; a daughter, Cassandra Wells of LaGrange; two grandsons; two great-grandsons; a twin brother, Gordon Turner Jr. of Columbia City; a sister, Carolee Wolfe of Florida, and two nieces and two nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a daughter, Debbie; his first wife, Betty E. Turner; and a step-daughter, Cindy Adeleblu.

Arrangements will be announced at a later date.

Beams Funeral Home of Fremont is in charge of arrangements.

The following obituary is being reprinted to provide the name of an additional survivor. — CAH

Gerald T. Paris, 74

Aug. 3, 1930 - March 13, 2005

Gerald Paris, 74, of Columbia City, died at 7:45 a.m. Sunday, March 13, 2005 at his residence.

Born on Aug. 3, 1930 in Rosiclare, Ill., a son of Augustus Green and Dulice Matilda (Smock) Paris, he graduated from Rosiclare High School.

He served in the U.S. Air Force for 20 years, retiring in 1971. He then returned to Columbia City and helped to found and develop the Opportunity Center, now known as Passages, Inc. for 15 years.

Survivors include two sons, Jerry Paris of Columbia City, and Brandon Paris of Garrett; a daughter, Kathleen Miller of Fort Wayne; a sister, Marjorie (Wayne) Fowler of Henderson, Ky.; two brothers, Gus (Beth) Paris of Owensboro, Ky. and Bill (Mary Ann) Paris of St. Louis, Mo.; and a grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a daughter, Debra A. Paris.

Visitation is from 6 to 7 p.m. Friday, March 18, at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Drive in Columbia City, with the funeral service at 7 p.m. Pastor Barry Faucett, of New Hope Wesleyan Church will officiate. Military committal service will be conducted by Columbia City American Legion Post 98.

Memorial gifts may be given in Mr. Paris' memory to Parkview Whitley Home Health Care and Hospice. Envelopes are available at the funeral home.

For additional obituary information, sending condolences or to sign the family guest register, log onto www.demoney.grimes.com.



Paris

LeRoy W. Coulter, 74

July 8, 1930 - March 15, 2005

LeRoy W. Coulter, 74, of Columbia City, died at 9:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 15, 2005 in the Constant Care Unit at Parkview Whitley Hospital in Columbia City where he was admitted earlier in the day.

Born on July 8, 1930 in Fort Wayne, he was a son of Herschel and Melva (Meyers) Coulter. As a young boy he moved to Coesse and graduated from Coesse High School.

On Oct. 22, 1950 he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force, serving in Massachusetts for 13 years, Vietnam, Colorado and England. He retired from active duty on Oct. 13, 1970.

On June 9, 1972 he was united in marriage to Sharon L. (Collier) Wherry and they made their home in Union Township for six years before they moved to their home in Columbia City.

In 1995 he retired from Food Marketing with 13 years of service.

His church affiliation was with Columbia City United Methodist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Sharon; a daughter, Debra (Steve) VanPelt of Virginia; a son, Dwayne Coulter of Texas; a step-son, Terry Wherry of Columbia City; a step-daughter, Lori (Larry) Bruno of Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.; nine grandchildren; two brothers, Paul Coulter and Russell Coulter, both of Columbia City; and four sisters, Carol Kosteck, Joy Crowder and Lois Downing, all of Columbia City, and Deloris Messmann of Angola.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Michael Coulter and a sister, Linda Clifford.

The funeral service is at 10:30 a.m. Monday, March 21, at Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City, with the Rev. Jack Scott, of Columbia City United Methodist Church, officiating. Visitation is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. Burial is at Union Township Cemetery with a United States Air Force detail providing military honors.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to Columbia City United Methodist Church or Humane Society of Whitley County.



Coulter

Goldie Fay Coverstone, 96

Oct. 15, 1908 - March 15, 2005

Goldie Fay Coverstone, 96, of Columbia City, died at 8:55 p.m. Tuesday, March 15, 2005 at Miller's Merry Manor in Columbia City.

Born on Oct. 15, 1908 in Thorncreek Township, Whitley County, she was a daughter of John Quincy and Missouri (Keister) Coverstone. Her formal education was completed in the former Smith School of Thorncreek Township.

She lived with her parents on the family farm in Thorncreek Township until 1962 when she moved to her Columbia City residence.

Her employment included several years at the former Columbia Woolen Mills and Ion Capacitor in Columbia City, from which she retired.

She was a member of Big Lake Church of God and its Missionary Society.

Survivors include six nieces and five nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by two sisters, Nellie Humbarger and Elsie P. Cramer, four brothers, Archie, Lawrence, Earl and Russell Coverstone and a half-brother, Glen Brumbaugh.

Visitation is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, March 18, at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Drive in Columbia City. The funeral service is at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home with Pastor Phil Blake officiating. Burial is at Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

Memorial bequests may be given in Miss Coverstone's memory to Big Lake Church of God. Envelopes are available at the funeral home.

To send condolences to the family, sign the guest register or to light a memorial candle in Miss Coverstone's memory, log onto www.demoneygrimes.com.

Annabelle Saggars, 83

March 2, 1922 - March 15, 2005

Annabelle Saggars, 83, of Columbia City, died at 2:15 p.m. Tuesday, March 15, 2005 at Miller's Merry Manor in Columbia City, where she had been a resident since September 2002.

Born on March 2, 1922 in Cromwell, she was a daughter of Morris Cresco and Clara Edith (Gregg) Miller. Her formative years were spent in Noble County and she graduated from Ligonier High School.

On March 2, 1941 she was united in marriage to Vernon Adolph Saggars and they made their first home in rural Ligonier. In 1951 they moved to Whitley County and in the mid-1960s they moved to their current home. Mr. Saggars died Sept. 3, 1997.

A nursing assistant at Miller's Merry Manor and Columbia City Community Care Center, she retired in 1987 from Whitley County Memorial Hospital.

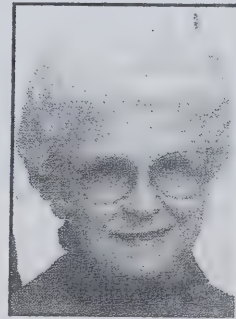
Her memberships included West Point Trinity United Methodist Church.

Survivors include three sons, Vernon Adair (Diane) Saggars, John Wayne "Bake" (Charlene) Saggars and Keith Edward (Janis) Saggars, all of Columbia City; 14 grandchildren; 31 great-grandchildren; and a great-great-granddaughter.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by a son, Jerry Kent Saggars; a daughter, Georgia Ann Ballard; two sisters, Helen Osborn and Mable Wysong; and two brothers, Jerome Delbert Miller and John LeRoy Miller.

The funeral service is at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 19, at Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City, with Pastor Karen Biddle, of West Point Trinity United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial is at Thorn Cemetery, Ormas. Visitation is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to West Point Trinity United Methodist Church.



Saggars

Valetta J. (Klopfenstein) Wright, 81

May 8, 1923 - March 16, 2005

Valetta J. "Klopfenstein" Wright, 81, of Fort Wayne, died Wednesday, March 16, 2005 at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Born in Fort Wayne on May 8, 1923, she was a daughter of Lester and Elizabeth (Schneider) Klopfenstein.

Her marriage to Ferrell D. Wright took place on Aug. 25, 1943.

A homemaker, she was a member of The Chapel. She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and sister.

Survivors include her husband, Ferrell D.; a son, Darwin J. (Judy) Wright of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Renaye L. (Harold) Smith of Fort Wayne; four grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren and brothers, Donald E. and Richard A. Klopfenstein, both of Columbia City.

The funeral service is at noon Saturday, March 19, at The Chapel, 2505 W. Hamilton Road, with calling one hour prior. Calling also 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. today at D.O. McComb & Sons Covington Knolls Funeral Home, 8325 Covington Road. Entombment is at Covington Memorial Gardens.

For those who wish, memorial may be made to The Chapel.

Dailey service

Father Joe Rulli of St. Therese Catholic Church officiated at the funeral service for Sally A. Dailey, 72, on Wednesday, March 16, 2005 at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home in Columbia City.

The organ prelude included "Morning Has Broken," "On Eagles Wings" and "Ave Maria,"

with "My Heart Ever Faithful" as postlude by Evelyn Stemen. A video celebrating Mrs. Dailey's life was show before dismissing family and friends.

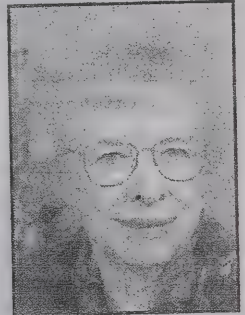
Casketbearers were Jim, Derek, Thomas, Chad, Todd, Brian and Brett Dailey and Brian Walker. Burial was at Highland Park Cemetery.

Mrs. Dailey, mother of Michael, Terry and Scott Dailey, died Saturday, March 22 at her home.

E. Pauline Bennett, 88

Nov. 24, 1916 - March 17, 2005

E. Pauline Bennett, 88, of Birchaven Retirement Village, Findlay, Ohio, and formerly of Columbia City, died at 1:45 a.m. Thursday, March 17, 2005 at Blanchard Valley Regional Health Center in Findlay.



Bennett

Born in Columbia City on Nov. 24, 1916, a daughter of Chester Earl and Lela Mae (Souder) Sumney, she graduated from Columbia City High School. After residing in Columbia City for 70 years, she moved to Findlay in May of 1986.

She married Alfred Loren Bennett on April 11, 1936 in Columbia City. He died Jan. 10, 1990.

A homemaker, she was a member of First Church of God, Columbia City and Whitley County (Columbia City) Home Extension Club.

Survivors include two daughters, Linda Kniss of Findlay, and Marla (Robert) Miller of Elkhart; three grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; two sisters, Evelyn (Jake) Sheets of Columbia City, and Willadene Thompson of Huntington; and a brother, Paul (Alberta) Sumney of Mulbeery, Tenn.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by a brother, Charles Sumney.

Visitation is from 3 to 8 p.m. Saturday, March 19, at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Drive in Columbia City. The funeral service is at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday at the funeral home with Chaplain Mike Thompson, of Birchaven Retirement Village, officiating. Burial is at South Park (Original) Cemetery, Columbia City.

Memorial bequests may be given in Mrs. Bennett's memory to Birchaven Retirement Village, Schaeffer Care Unit, Aspen Birch, Findlay, Ohio. Envelopes are available at the funeral home.

To send condolences to the family, sign the guest register or to light a memorial candle in Mrs. Bennett's memory, log onto www.demoneygrimes.com.

Leonard E. "Gene" Earling, 78

Aug. 12, 1926 - March 17, 2005

Leonard E. "Gene" Earling, 78, of Old Lake, died Thursday, March 17, 2005, at his home. He had been in failing health.

Born on Aug. 12, 1926 in Dunkirk, he was a son of Samuel George and Margaret Agnes (Myers) Earling. He graduated from Dunkirk High School and TriState College and did graduate work at Purdue.

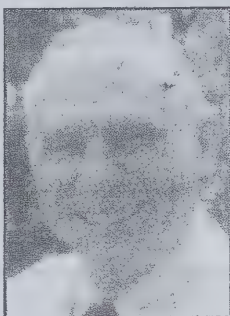
In 1944 he enlisted in the Navy, serving during World War II. He was honorably discharged in 1946.

An electrical engineer, he was an inventor with many patents in his field.

In 1947 he married Joy Leaird and they made their first home in Angola. They then moved to Muncie where he taught at the

technical school. They moved to Galveston and he was employed at General Motors in Kokomo as an electronics engineer. He was employed at Faraday from 1978 to 1983 while they resided in Adrian and Tecumseh, Mich. In 1983 they moved to Old Lake and in 1984 he began his employment with Magnavox where he was employed for nine years.

He was a member of the Angola Free & Accepted Masonic Lodge and the Society for the Preservation & Encouragement of Barbershop Quartet Singers in America. He was also a member of the Moose Lodge and Fraternal Order of Eagles of Adrian, Mich; Kiwanis, Exchange Club and Tecumseh Players Civic Theater of Tecumseh, Mich.; Lions Club and PTA in Galveston; Junior Chamber of Commerce in Logansport; Indiana Industrial Education Assn. and Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Indianapolis; Sigma Mu Sigma Fraternity of TriState College; and the Ittanicnic Local Businessmen's Club and American Legion of Dunkirk.



Earling

Surviving relatives include his wife, Joy; three daughters, Deborah (Tom) Starrs of Tucson, Ariz.; Charmaine Bird of Minneapolis, Minn. and

Vicki Jo Baum (and David Otto) of Burnett, Wis.; a son, Gerald (Mutsuko) Earling of Denton, Texas; nine grandchildren; four great-grandchildren and a sister, Vesta Kastetter of Clifton, N.J.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Gerald Samuel Earling and a sister, Carrie Jo Taylor.

A graveside funeral service is at 1 p.m. Monday, March 21, at the chapel of Gardens of Memory Cemetery, 10703 N. state Route 3, Muncie, with a Masonic Service to immediately follow. A United States Navy detail will present military honors at the cemetery.

Visitation is from 4 to 6 p.m. Sunday at Smith & Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City.

March 19

2005

Columbia City, Indiana

Lana I. Myers, 90

May 20, 1914 - March 17, 2005

Lana I. Myers, 90, of Ligonier, died at 7:50 p.m. on Thurs., March 17, 2005, at Kendallville Manor Healthcare.

Born on May 20, 1914, in Etna, she was a daughter of Samuel N. and Margaret (Murphy) Twaits. She was a lifelong resident of Noble County.

She was married to Jerry O. Lawson, Paul Grate and Chester Myers, all of whom preceded her in death.

A homemaker, she was a member of the Pentecostal Apostolic Church of Goshen and enjoyed gardening and fishing. She also loved animals. She was a God loving, giving person. Her family and friends were blessed by her loving ways.



Myers

Survivors include a son, Stan (Sandy) Lawson of Avilla; a step-son, Basil Myers of Columbia City; three daughters, Lana S. (LeRoy) Murphy and Nancy C. (Donald) Tepin of Fort Wayne and Ann (Terry) Askren of Albion; two step-daughters, Betty Bratt of Columbia City and Devona (Jim) Berg of Albion; 14 grandchildren; 39 great-grandchildren and many great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husbands, she was preceded in death by a brother, Zollie Twaits; a daughter, Paula Clatterbaugh; a step-son, James Grate; a great-grandson and a great-granddaughter.

Funeral service will be held on at 11 a.m. on Mon., March 21, 2005, at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier with Rev. Bill Parks of Trinity Assembly of God officiating. Calling will be 2 to 6 p.m. on Sunday at the funeral home. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

Memorials can be made in Mrs. Myers' honor to Parkview Noble Hospice.

March 21

2005

Columbia City, Indiana

Alton B. (Al) Alexander, 90**Oct. 17, 1914 - March 19, 2005**

Alton B. (Al) Alexander, 90, of Three Rivers, Mich., died Saturday, March 19, 2005 at Three Rivers Health Care.

Born on Oct. 17, 1914 in Whitley County, a son of George and Louella (Stallsmith) Alexander, he attended and graduated from Washington Center High School in 1933. He moved to Michigan in 1943.

A very active 4-H leader, he was a host for many foreign exchange students. He served on the school board of three different districts. In 1956 he built and operated the Three Rivers Livestock Sales Barn.

In 1973 he became involved in real estate and won many trophies for his work. He joined the Three Rivers Lions Club at that time and was an active Lion. His greatest joy was being able to help those less fortunate.

A gourmet cook, he loved to share his cooking delights with all his friends and family. He also loved to go to flea markets and auctions and write poetry, some of which were published in various papers and journals.

A loving husband, father and grandfather, he collected antique banks for his grandchildren and was a great story-teller.

He was a member of the Eagles and Elks Lodges and the Three Rivers Masonic Lodge 57; F.&A.M. and the Three Rivers Shrine Club.

In 1984 he married June (Bullard) Dechnik, who survives. Other survivors include a sister, Cynthia Hertsel; two daughters, Sara (Dale) Stuby and Susan (David) Outman; two sons, Arden (Dena) Alexander and Benton (Susie) Alexander; step-sons, James, Mark and Todd Dechnik; three step-daughters, Joan Oxender, Irma Johnson and Lois Hassenger; "adopted" sons, Matt (Lori) and Larry Cearbaugh, and daughter-in-law, Lorraine Alexander; many nieces, nephews, grandchildren, step-grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, five brothers, two sisters and a son, Charles, and two daughters, Arlene and Delores.

A memorial service and luncheon is at 2 p.m. on Sunday, April 3 at the Three Rivers Lions Club.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations or memorials made to the Three Rivers Lions Scholarship Fund.

Arrangements are by Hohner Funeral Home, Three Rivers, Mich.

Robert Franklin Hamilton, 85**Dec. 9, 1919 - March 19, 2005**

Robert Franklin Hamilton, 85, a resident of New Castle, died Saturday, March 19, 2005 at The Waters of New Castle after an extended illness.

Born on Dec. 19, 1919, he was a son of Edward and Jesse Mae (Dinkins) Hamilton.

A lifelong resident of New Castle, he was a veteran of the U.S. Army and served in World War II. He retired from Chrysler Corporation as a toolmaker in 1977 after 31 years of service.

An avid fisherman and bowler, he enjoyed selling turquoise and silver. A member of UAW Local 371, he served as union steward for many years. He was inducted into the Henry County Bowlers Hall of Fame.

Survivors include his wife, of 57 years, Glenna Jean (Ward), whom he married on July 3, 1947; three children, Catherine (Jeffrey) Shaffer; Robert D. (Alice) Hamilton and Susan (John) Turner, all of New Castle; eight grandchildren; three step-grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers and six sisters.

The funeral service is at 2 p.m. Wednesday, March 23, at Hinsey-Brown Funeral Service, 3406 South Memorial Drive, in New Castle with the Rev. Paul Davis officiating. Burial is at South Mound Cemetery. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Military service will be conducted by the American Legion and VFW.



March 22

2005

Columbia City, Indiana

Saggars service

The funeral service for Annabelle Saggars, 83, was held Saturday morning, March 19, 2005 at Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with Rev. Timothy Grable, a grandson-in-law, officiating.

Selections played during the prelude and postlude included "How Great Thou Art," "Great Is Thy Faithfulness," "When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder" and "Go Rest High On That Mountain," by Vince Gill.

The committal service followed at Thorn Cemetery, Ormas. Casketbearers were Jeff Saggars, Kevin Saggars, Mitch Hoffman, Eric Sheets, Jeff Geiger and Cody Saggars.

Mrs. Saggars, the widow of Vernon Adolph Saggars and mother of Vernon Adair (Dianē) Saggars, John Wayne "Bake" (Charlene) Saggars and Keith Edward (Janis) Saggars, died Tuesday, March 15.

Coulter service

The funeral service for LeRoy W. Coulter, 74, was held Monday morning, March 21, 2005 at Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with Rev. Jack Scott, pastor of Columbia City United Methodist Church, officiating.

A variety of hymns were played during the prelude and postlude.

A committal service followed at Union Township Cemetery. Family members serving as casketbearers at the funeral home were Dwayne Coulter, Steve

VanPelt, Terry Wherry, Paul Coulter, Walt Crowder, Russell Coulter and Steve Kostek.

The United States Air Force Detail from Wright Patterson Air Force Base provided military honors at the cemetery. Members of the detail served as casketbearers at the cemetery as well, in honor of their retired Master Sergeant of 20 years.

Mr. Coulter, the husband of Sharon L. (Collier) Wherry Coulter, father of Debra (Steve) VanPelt and Dwayne Coulter and step father of Terry Wherry and Lori (Larry) Bruno, died Tuesday, March 15.

Earling service

The committal service for Leonard E. "Gene" Earling, 78, was held Monday afternoon, March 21, 2005 at the Gardens of Memory Cemetery near Muncie.

The Muncie Lodge 433 Free & Accepted Masons began the service with the Masonic rite. Lee Bourne served as worshipful master, Hugh Morris served as chaplain and Gerald Earling, the son, served as apron bearer. Others participating were John Ireland and DeWayne Richmond.

Rev. Paul Gettinger provided the message. Mika Earling, a granddaughter, read her poem. Pastor Gettinger read a poem written by Jill Baum, a granddaughter and Deborah Starrs, a daughter, shared special reflections.

"We Shall Behold Him" was played before the service and "Jesus Is Walking With Me" and "The Lord's Prayer" were played during the service.

Military honors were presented at the conclusion of the committal service by Craig J. Hively and Daisy A. Dixon with the United States Navy Detail from Indianapolis.

The Hoosier Gentry Barbershop Quartet of Dave Thomas, Bob Bowman, Duane Johnson and Vaughn Albert sang "Darkness on the Delta," "Sittin On Top of The World," "The Little Boy," "Give Me a Barbershop Song" and "Gospel Medley" during the visitation on Sunday afternoon at Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City.

Mr. Earling, the husband of Joy Marilyn (Leaird) Earling, died Thursday, March 17.

Moran service

Pastors C. Jack Scott and Mark Need officiated at the memorial service for Lynette A. Moran, 49, on Saturday, March 19, 2005 at Columbia City United Methodist Church.

Special recorded selections of "You Raise Me Up," "I Miss My Friend" and "I Hope You Dance" were shared. A video celebrating Mrs. Moran's life was shown before dismissing family and friends.

Mrs. Moran, wife of Michael E. Moran, died Friday, March 11.

Arrangements were completed by DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home in Columbia City.

Bennett service

Chaplain Mike Thompson of Birchaven Retirement Village, officiated at the funeral service for E. Pauline Bennett, 88, on Sunday, March 20, 2005 at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home.

The organ prelude included "Great Is Thy Faithfulness," "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms," "On Eagles Wings" and "Gentle Shepherd," with "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" as postlude by Evelyn Stemen. A video celebrating Mrs. Bennett's life was shown before dismissing family and friends.

Casketbearers were Robert Miller, Christopher Kniss, David Whanger, David and Charles Paul Sheets and Bill Holman. Burial followed the service at South Park (Original) Cemetery, Columbia City.

Mrs. Bennett, mother of Linda Kniss and Marta Miller died on Thursday, March 17, at Blanchard Valley Regional Health Center in Findlay, Ohio.

Coverstone service

Pastor Phil Blake officiated at the funeral service for Goldie Fay Coverstone, 96, on Saturday, March 19, 2005 at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home in Columbia City.

Organist, Evelyn Stemen included "I Love To Tell The Story," "The Eastern Gate," "Precious Memories" and "His Hand In Mine" in the prelude, with "How Great Thou Art" as an organ solo and "God Will Take Care of You" as postlude.

Casketbearers were David Herron, Mike, Kim and Thad Coverstone, Jeff and David Herendeen and Bill Harter. Don Coverstone was an honorary bearer. Burial was at Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam, Noble County.

Miss Coverstone, a lifetime Whitley County resident, died Tuesday, March 15.

Janice Parson, 66

Nov. 6, 1938 - March 22, 2005

Janice Parson, 66, died March 22, 2005, at her home in Ligonier.

Born on Nov. 6, 1938 in Disco, a daughter of Charles and Geneva (Madeford) Florey, she graduated from Silver Lake High School with the Class of 1956.

She gave her life to Christ in 1954 and was soon baptized by immersion and became a member of Silver Lake Methodist Church.

On March 30, 1957 she was united in marriage to Dean A. Parson in Wabash.

She owned and operated Jan's Catering of Ligonier for 21 years before illness caused early retirement. Catering was not only her occupation but her enjoyment as she delighted in cooking.

During the years her husband delivered RVs, she enjoyed accompanying him and seeing the country. However, she was always glad to get back home to her family, which had always been the most important and cherished part of her life.

She is survived by her husband of 48 years, Dean; her children, Doug (Valerie) Parson of New Haven; Laura Scott of Ligonier, and Greg (Carmel) Parson of Rome City; six grandchildren; a sister, Dixie (Terry) Goodrich of South Whitley; brothers, Leo (Norma) Florey of Silver Lake, and Monte (Mary) Florey of Leesburg; a sister-in-law, Sharon Florey of North Manchester; also brothers- and sisters-in-law, Joyce and Jim Emerick of Florida; Carol and Orville Owens of Warsaw; Tony and Barb Parson

of North Manchester; Max and Louise Parson of Wabash; many nieces and nephews and childhood friends, Ruth Alice Drudge Cox of Huntington, and Serita Ring Leiter of Arizona.

She was preceded in death by an infant daughter, Teena Lynn; her parents; her parent-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Verlin Parson; brother, Larry Florey; brother-in-law and his wife, Robert and Patricia Parson; and a niece and nephew.



Parson

Paris service

Pastor Barry Faucett of New Hope Wesleyan Church officiated at the memorial service for Gerald T. Paris, 74, on Friday, March 18, 2005 at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home in Columbia City.

The organ prelude included "This Is My Father's World," "God of Our Fathers," "Amazing Grace" and "Air Force Song," with "Onward Christian Soldiers" as postlude by Evelyn Stemen. A video celebrating Mr. Paris's life was shown before dismissing family and friends.

A military committal service was conducted by Columbia City American Legion Post 98 with Bill Wheeler as commander; Frank Daniels as color guard commander and Homer Wells, Paul Thompson and Norris Stricklin serving as color guard; Bill Hare as firing squad commander with Ted Hare, Bill Rea, Larry Jones, Paul Brower, Mike Bellinger and John Slabaugh as firing squad and Joe Hare as bugler.

A Vietnam veteran, Mr. Paris, father of Kathleen Miller, Jerry and Brandon Paris, died

Sunday, March 13 at his home.

The funeral service is at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 26, at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, 705 S. Main Street, Ligonier, with the Revs. Jean Ness and Robert A. Vick officiating. Burial is at Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier. Friends may call from 2 to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials contributions may be directed to the American Cancer Society or Goshen Visiting Nurse Service and Hospice.

John William Pearce Jr., 66**Oct. 10, 1938 - March 23, 2005**

John William Pearce Jr., 66, died Wednesday, March 23, 2005 at Indiana Heart Hospital in Indianapolis.

Born on Oct. 10, 1938 in Kokomo, he was a son of John and Olive (Maggart) Pearce.

A tool grinder with Navistar International for 45 years, he was also an EMT and fireman.

He was an Indiana representative for UAW, also lobbyist, former president of board for Indiana Citizens Action Coalilition and enjoyed sailing and boating. He was very proud to be part Miami Indian.

Survivors include daughters, Elizabeth Evans of Perth, Australia; Laura Pearce of Syracuse, and Nicole Hickson of Fort Wayne; a son, John Henry William Pearce of Fort Wayne; four grandchildren; sisters, Marcia Hulbert of Auburn; Gina Watkins of Herndon, Va., and Stacy Pearce of Florida.

Visitation only is from 4 to 7 p.m. Monday, March 28, at D.O. McComb & Sons Covington Knolls Funeral Home, 8325 Covington Road, Fort Wayne.

Memorials may be made to the American Lung Association.

Charles Edward 'Ed' Price, 87

March 26, 1917 - March 25, 2005

Charles Edward "Ed" Price, 87, of Syracuse, died Friday, March 25, 2005 at Miller's Merry Manor in Syracuse.

Born on March 26, 1917 in Perry Township, Noble County, he was a son of Ray Charles and Ruby Dell (Cunningham) Price. He lived his early years in Noble County before moving to Howe, and then Syracuse in 1959. He attended New Paris High School in New Paris.

On July 28, 1940, he married Eleanor J. Hunter in Cosperville.

He worked for 15 years at Syracuse Rubber, retiring in May of 1982. He was also employed at I.X.L. Cabinet Company in Goshen. His memberships included the North Webster Church of God and J.O.Y., the church's senior group. He also enjoyed ballroom and square dancing.

Surviving relatives include his wife Eleanor of Syracuse; three daughters, Dee Ann Pifer of Syracuse, Gloria (Don) Edwards of Auburn and Sandi (George) Lung of Piercetown; two sons, Larry (Anita) Price of Cromwell and Gary (Sharon) Price of Syracuse; 11 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; two brothers, Virgil Price of Ligonier and Robert (Ilene) Price of Defiance, Ohio; and a sister, Jean (Kenton) Miller of Cromwell.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by a sister, Betty LeMieux.

Visitation is from 4 to 8 p.m. Monday, March 28, 2005 at the North Webster Church of God, state Route 13 in North Webster. The

funeral service is at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the church with Pastor Jeff Boyer officiating. Burial is at Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier.

Services are being arranged by DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Dr., Columbia City.



Price

Cyrus Daniel Imbody II, 71

Aug. 15, 1933 - March 25, 2005

Cyrus Daniel Imbody II, 71, a resident of Churubusco, died unexpectedly early Friday morning, March 25, 2005, at his resident as the result of an apparent heart attack.

Born Aug. 15, 1933 in Fort Wayne, a son of Cyrus D. and Ruth K. (Ditton) Imbody, he spent most of his formative years there.

As a young man, he was employed with the former McCoy Lumber Company in Churubusco, and worked as a self-employed dry wall installer most of his adult life.

On June 14, 1952, he married Phyllis Crick in Fort Wayne. The couple spent the early years of their marriage in Fort Wayne before moving to Churubusco in 1963.

Surviving relatives include his wife Phyllis; five children, Cyrus D. (Deb) Imbody III and Rachel A. (Joshua) Fletcher, all of Churubusco, Sarah E. (Dave) Garman of Hometown, Jacob D. Imbody of Elkhart and Rebecca J. (Arthur) Baron of Columbia City; two brothers, Gene Imbody and James A. Imbody, both of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Patricia Jacobson of Hammond and Nancy (Wayne) Anderson of Fort Wayne; 18 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

The funeral service is at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, March 29, 2005 at Churubusco United Methodist Church with the Rev. Christine Newman-Jacobs officiating. The family will

receive friends at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco from 2 to 8 p.m. Monday, or at the church one hour prior to the service. Interment is at Riverview Cemetery, south of Churubusco.

In lieu of flowers, memorials should be directed to the family.

For those who wish, condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

Memorial bequests may be given in Mr. Price's memory to North Webster Church of God or the Shriners. Envelopes are available at the funeral home or the church.

To send condolences to the family, sign the guest register or to light a memorial candle in Mr. Price's memory, please visit www.demoneygrimes.com.

The following obituary is being reprinted to add a photo. — CAH

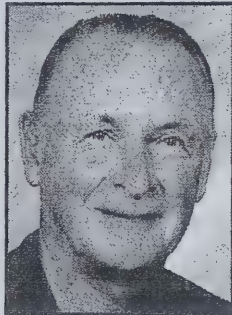
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The funeral service is at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, March 29 at Churubusco United Methodist Church with the Rev. Christine Newman-Jacobs officiating. The family will receive friends at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco from 2 to 8 p.m. today, or at the church one hour prior to the service. Interment is at Riverview Cemetery, south of Churubusco.

In lieu of flowers, memorials should be directed to the family.

For those who wish, condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

Ruth I. Miller, 49

Dec. 9, 1955 - March 25, 2005

Ruth I. Miller, 49, of Fort Wayne, died at 4:35 a.m. Friday, March 25, 2005 at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Born On Dec. 9, 1955 in Huntington, she was a daughter of Keith G. and Velma I. (Gaff) Miller.

A member of First Assembly of God Church, she was a teacher's assistant at First Assembly of God Day School.

Survivors include a son, Samuel, at home; sisters, Mary Roe of Warsaw, and Martha (Gery) Keiser of Arcola; brothers, Andy (Patsy) Miller of Pierceton; David Miller of Ishpeming, Mich., and Tom Miller of Fort Wayne; nine nieces and nephews and six great-nieces and nephews.

The funeral service is at 2 p.m. Tuesday, March 29, at First Assembly of God, 3301 E. Coliseum Blvd., Fort Wayne, with Pastor Barry Jorris officiating. Visitation is two hours prior to the service. Burial is at Highland Park Cemetery.

Preferred memorials are to the church.

Arrangements are by Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, 6131 St. Joe Road, Fort Wayne.

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Waneta V. Hesting, 86

July 2, 1918 - March 28, 2005

Waneta V. Hesting, 86, of Columbia City, died at 9 a.m. Saturday at Renaissance Village of rural Whitley County.

Born in Huntington County in July 2, 1918 to Omer Emery and Opal Marie (Edgington) Gamble, she was raised in Washington Township, Whitley County. She was educated in Washington Township through Whitley County Schools.

She married Lawrence R. Hesting on July 2, 1936 at St. Catherine of Alexandria Catholic Church.

In addition to being a homemaker, mother and grandmother, Hesting worked for 12 years as a teacher's aide in Washington Center School. She also taught a religion class at St. Catherine of Alexandria Catholic Church and assisted her husband in the management and operation of the Hesting Family Farm.

**Hesting.**

Surviving relatives include her three children, Garland J. (Sharon) Hesting, Marvin R. (Elaine) Hesting and Jeanne (Tom) Rethlake all of Columbia City; 13 grandchildren, 30 great-grandchildren; 5 brothers, Gerald E. (Bonita) Gamble, Paul E. (Arlis) Gamble, Dale (Gladys) Gamble and Verlin E. Gamble all of Columbia City and Duane (Edna) Gamble of Winona Lake, Ind. She is preceded in death by her husband, parents, brother Doyle E. Gamble, infant daughter Betty Louise Hesting and great-grandson.

Visitation will be held from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 30 at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Drive, Columbia City. A prayer service will be held at 8 p.m. on Wednesday at DeMoney-Grimes. A family prayer service will be held at 9:15 a.m. Thursday, March 31 at the funeral home with a funeral mass following at 13:30 a.m. at St. Catherine of Alexandria Catholic Church with Father Kenneth Sarrazine officiating. Burial will be at St. Catherine of Alexandria Catholic Church Cemetery in Columbia City.

Loretta Gandy Yates, 86

Dec. 12, 1918 - March 28, 2005

Loretta Gandy Yates, 86, a former resident of Huntertown and Fort Wayne, died at 6:30 a.m. Monday, March 28, 2005 at Hickory Creek Nursing Home in Winamac, following an extended illness.

Born on Dec. 12, 1918 in Fort Wayne, a daughter of John and Jessie (Hayes) Tracey, she spent her formative years in Fort Wayne and Roanoke and graduated from Roanoke High School in 1937.

She was a clerical worker for Lincoln Life Insurance Company in Fort Wayne for 26 years, retiring in 1981.

She was a member of Agape Church of the Brethren in Fort Wayne and Lincoln Life Quarter Century Club.

On Nov. 3, 1984 she was married to Melvin "Kelly" Yates. He died on Aug. 4, 2001.

Survivors include a daughter, Roberta (Ronald) Dupuy of Arizona; a brother, Melden (Lucy) Tracey of Fort Wayne; a sister, Lucille Stiverson of Fort Wayne; two grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

A private burial will be Wednesday, March 30, at Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam. At the request of the family there are no calling hours.

Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco is in charge of the arrangements.

Memorials may be directed to the Agape Church of the Brethren, Fort Wayne.

Condolences may be e-mailed to the family at sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

Memorial bequests may be given on Hesting's behalf to masses at the church or to the donor's choice. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home.

To send family condolences, sign the guest register or to light a memorial candle in her memory, please visit www.demoneygrimes.com.

Patricia J. Kaiser, 66

November 19, 1938 - March 27, 2005

Patricia J. Kaiser, 66 of Columbia City, died at 8:59 a.m. Sunday, March 27, 2005 at Lutheran Hospital of Fort Wayne where she had been a patient since March 8.

Born in Homer, Mich. on November 19, 1938, she was the daughter of Carroll L. and Frances L. (Powers) Brink.

She graduated from Battle Creek Central, Battle Creek, Mich. with the Class of 1956. On December 23, 1975, she married Allen W. Kaiser in Marshall, Mich. They lived in Quincy, Mich. until moving to Columbia City in 1982. Due to her husband's health, her family moved to Hardy, Ark. in 1993. In 2001, she returned to Columbia City to be closer to her son Jay and his family.

She was active as a Union Steward and formerly worked at Essex, Colder Water, Mich. She was employed as a food tester at Wal-Mart and a volunteer at the military museum while residing in Hardy, Ark. She also worked at Hardee's in Columbia City.

She was a member of Thorncreek Bethel Church of God and the women's bowling league at Le Main Bowl in Columbia City. She also touched many lives as the Cub Scouts Leader of Pack 3082 for 11 years.

She is survived by her two sons, Jay D. (Twyla) Millard and Christopher A. Kaiser of Columbia City; step-son Thomas Kair; brother Johan A. (Penny) Brink of Seattle Washington; three grandchildren, three step-grandchildren and several nieces, aunts and uncles. She was preceded in death by her parents, her first husband Maynard Millard and her second husband Allen W. Kaiser.

At her request, there will be no visitation. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Memorials may be given in memory of Kaiser to the American Heart Association or American Diabetes Association. Envelopes are available at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home in Columbia City. To send family condolences, sign the guest register book or light a memorial candle in her memory, please visit www.demoneygrimes.com.



Kaiser

Mary Jane Carter, 86

October 23, 1918-March 28, 2005

Mary Jane Carter, 86, of Columbia City died at 2:46 p.m. Monday, March 28 at her home after a long illness.

She was born to Oliver P. and Winnie (Wagamuth) Bentz October 23, 1918 in South Whitley. She grew up in South Whitley and completed her education at South Whitley High School.

On January 2, 1936, she married Ned Reed. They made their home in South Whitley until his death in 1957. On September 5, 1969, she married Boyd Carter. They lived in South Whitley a few years before moving to Warsaw. After his death, she returned to South Whitley and later moved to Columbia City in 2003.

She was employed at Blue Bell, General Electric in Fort Wayne, Kenny's Drive-In and retired from Grip Nut in 1983 with 23 years of service.

She was a member of the First Baptist Church of South Whitley.

She is survived by 2 sons, Edwin Eugene (Nell) Reed of Columbia City and James Donald (Lana) Reed of Wabash; three grandchildren; four great grandchildren; two sisters, Lucille Wood of Florida and Mabel Reed of South Whitley; and a brother, Verlin Bentz of Columbia City.

She is preceded in death by two brother, Harold Bentz and Gail Bentz; a sister, Vivian Richard; and her two husbands, Ned Reed and Boyd Carter.

The funeral service will be held Friday, April 1 at Smith and Sons Miller Chapel in South Whitley with Reverend Jonathan Damon, pastor for the First Baptist Church, officiating. The burial will be in South Whitley Cemetery. Service and visitation times are currently pending.

Memorials may be made to Parkview Home Health and Hospice or the American Cancer Society.

Vincent J. Turner, 68

Oct. 4, 1936 - Feb. 25, 2005

Vincent J. Turner, 68, of Mesa, Ariz., formerly of Columbia City, died Friday, Feb. 25, 2005 at his home.

Born on Oct. 4, 1936 in Boston, Mass., he was a son of Frank M. and Anna D. (Cushing) Turner. He grew up in Wilmington, Mass. and had resided in California, Columbia City, Wisconsin, Kentucky and Arizona.

He served in the Massachusetts National Guard from 1953 to 1959.

He married Jane Ellen Marshall in January of 1962 at Long Beach, Calif. and resided in Columbia City from 1968 to 1989. His marriage to Jane Turner ended in divorce in 1980.

He was associated with the Roman Catholic Order of St. Camillus in Milwaukee, Wis. in 1989 and went to work with the Christian Appalachian Project, a Roman Catholic social service provider in Lancaster, Ky., from 1990 to 2002. He retired to Mesa in 2002.

He was a member of St. Paul of the Cross Roman Catholic Church in Columbia City and Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church in Mesa.

Survivors include three sons, Vince Turner of Goshen; Marc Turner of Charlottesville, Va., and Matthew Turner of LaOtto; two daughters, Cheryl Roton of Birmingham, Ala., and Cathy Sauers of Fort Wayne; and a brother, John Turner of Bardstown, Ky.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, Richard and Herbert Turner and a sister, Doris Caldwell.

A Funeral Mass is at 11 a.m. Friday, April 1, at St. Paul of the Cross Roman Catholic Church by Father Lawrence Kramer, with a private interment at St. Paul of the Cross Catholic Cemetery in Columbia City.

Local arrangements are by DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Drive in Columbia City.

Memorial bequests may be given in Mr. Turner's memory to St. Joseph's Indian School, Chamberlain, S.D. (www.stjo.org). Envelopes are available at the funeral home.

To send condolences to the family, sign the guest register or to light a memorial candle in Mr. Turner's memory, please visit www.demoneygrimes.com.



Max E. Hill, 60

Aug. 25, 1944 - March 29, 2005

Max E. Hill, 60, a resident of Columbia City, died Tuesday afternoon, March 29, 2005 at Parkview Whitley Hospital in Columbia City where he was admitted earlier in the day. He had been in failing health.

Born on Aug. 25, 1944 in Columbia City, a son of Donald and Fay (Osborn) Hill, he graduated from Columbia City Joint High School in 1963.

In 1963 he enlisted in the U.S. Army, serving during the Vietnam War. He was honorably discharged in 1967.

On Aug. 25, 1967 he was united in marriage to Judy C. Oliver and they have always made their home in Columbia City.

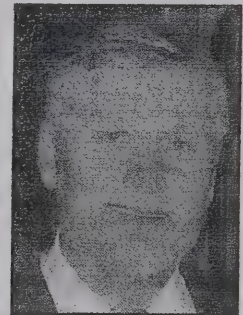
He retired from Zollner Pistons in Fort Wayne with 30 years of service.

Surviving relatives include his wife, Judy; a son, Pete Hill of Columbia City; two grandchildren; his mother, Fay Hill of Columbia City; two brothers, Jim Hill of Fort Wayne and Roger Hill of Columbia City; and a sister, Nancy Polt of Tucson, Ariz.

He was preceded in death by his father and a brother, David Hill.

The funeral service is at 1 p.m. Saturday, April 2, at Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City, with the Rev. Barry Faucett, pastor of New Hope Wesleyan Church, officiating. Burial is at St. Matthew's Cemetery. Visitation is from 4 to 7 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

For those who wish, memorials may be directed to the family.



Hill

Evangeline 'Vange' Blanche Barnhart, 94

Aug. 31, 1910 - March 28, 2005

Evangeline "Vange" Blanche Barnhart, 94, a former resident of Churubusco and widow of Irving R. Barnhart, died Monday morning, March 28, 2005 at Bent-Wood Nursing Center in Florissant, Mo. Although she had been in declining health for some time, her death was unexpected.

Born on Aug. 31, 1910 in Archbold, Ohio, a daughter of Solomon Rogers and Leona (Rebeau) Clingaman.

On Nov. 5, 1930 she was married to Irving R. Barnhart. The couple moved in the early years of their marriage from Ohio to Utah and then to California, Kentucky and Missouri before locating in Churubusco during their retirement years. After 55 years of marriage, Mr. Barnhart preceded her in death on Dec. 22, 1985.

A member of Churubusco United Methodist Church and its UMW Grace Circle, she served as a volunteer for the Red Cross, Welcome Wagon and Cancer Society. She was an avid Chicago Cubs fan and enjoyed making fine hand-stitched quilts.

Surviving relatives include her children, Roger R. (Martha) Barnhart of Churubusco, Myra Barnhart Talkington and Leona (Ray) Page, both of both of Florissant, Mo.; five grandchildren; several great-grandchildren, step-grandchildren and step-great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by a sister, Minnie Brown and two brothers, Laurel Clingaman and Clarence Clingaman.

The funeral service is at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 2, at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco, with the Rev. E. Vaughn Powell, pastor emeritus of Churubusco United Methodist Church, officiating. The family will receive friends at the mortuary from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday. Interment is at Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

Condolences may be e-mailed to the family at sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.



Barnhart

Dorothy J. Walker, 81

July 19, 1923 - March 29, 2005

Dorothy J. Walker of Columbia City died at 6:53 a.m. Tuesday, March 29, 2005 at Grace Village Health Care at Winona Lake.

Born on July 19, 1923 in Noble County, a daughter of Wayne S. and Josie M. (Bair) Buckles, she was raised in Noble County, later moving to Whitley County. She attended North Webster High School.

She married Franklin M. Walker on Nov. 22, 1945 in New Haven. They were married for 57 years before he died on Dec. 26, 2002.

She was a homemaker.

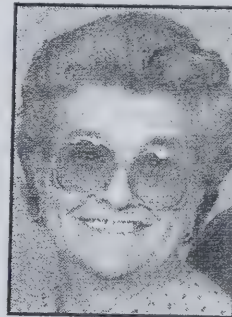
Survivors include a daughter, Marcia (Phil) Gordon of Columbia City; two granddaughters, and five great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by three brothers, Victor, Russell and William Buckles, and two sisters, Helen Cramer and Donnabelle Grimes.

Visitation is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, March 31, at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Drive in Columbia City. The funeral service is at 10 a.m. Friday at the funeral home with Pastor Curt Johnson, retired pastor of Community Bible Church, officiating. Burial is at Nolt Cemetery, rural Columbia City.

The family suggests that memorial contributions be made to the charity of the donor's choice. Envelopes are available at the funeral home.

To sent condolences to the family, sign the guest register or to light a memorial candle in Mrs. Walker's memory, please visit www.demoneygrimes.com.



Walker

Mary Jane Carter, 86

October 23, 1918 - March 28, 2005

Mary Jane Carter, 86, of Columbia City died at 2:40 p.m. Monday, March 28, 2005 at her home.

Born on Oct. 23, 1918, in South Whitley, she was a daughter of Oliver P. and Winnie (Walgamuth) Bentz. Her formative years were spent in South Whitley and her education was completed at South Whitley High School.

On Jan. 2, 1936, she married Ned Reed and they made their home in South Whitley until his death on Nov. 17, 1957.

On Sept. 5, 1969, she was united in marriage to Boyd Carter. They lived in South Whitley a few years before moving to Warsaw. After his death on Sept. 8, 1980 she returned to South Whitley and later moved to Columbia City in February 2003.

She was employed at Blue Bell, General Electric in Fort Wayne, Kenny's Drive-In and retired from Grip Nut in 1983 with 23 years of service.

She was a member of the First Baptist Church of South Whitley.

She is survived by two sons, Edwin Eugene (Nell) Reed of Columbia City and James Donald (Lana) Reed of Wabash; three grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; two sisters, Lucille Wood of Florida and Mabel Reed of South Whitley; and a brother, Verlin Bentz of Columbia City.

In addition to her two husbands, she was preceded in death by two brothers, Harold Bentz and Gail Bentz; and a sister, Vivian Richard.

The funeral service is at 10 a.m. Friday, April 1 at Smith and Sons Miller Chapel in South Whitley with the Rev. Jonathan Damon of First Baptist Church officiating. Burial is at South Whitley Cemetery. Visitation is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to Parkview Home Health & Hospice, American Cancer Society or First Baptist Church.

Mary E. 'Betty' Manth, 88

June 6, 1916 - March 28, 2005

Mary E. "Betty" Manth, 88, a resident of Blue Lake near Churubusco, died Monday, March 28, 2005 at The Oaks Nursing Center in Columbia City following a brief illness.

Born on June 6, 1916 in Lima, Ohio, she was a daughter of Clinton E. and Elsie Ann (Jones) Morris. Her formative years were spent in Fort Wayne and she graduated from South Side High School in 1934.

On July 3, 1937 she was married to Herbert W. Manth. He died in 1983.

She was a homemaker.

Surviving relatives include a son, Morrie L. Manth of Churubusco; three grandchildren; five great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by two brothers and two sisters.

The funeral service is at 10 a.m. Thursday, March 31, at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco, with Pastor Lane Burgland, of Faith Lutheran Church, officiating. The family will receive friends from 4 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home. Interment is at Eel River Cemetery, south of Churubusco.

For those who wish, memorials may be directed to Faith Lutheran Church.

Condolences may be e-mailed to the family at sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.



Manth

The following two obituaries are being reprinted to provide correct or additional service information.— CAH

Waneta V. Hesting, 86

July 2, 1918 - March 28, 2005

Waneta V. Hesting, 86, of Columbia City, died at 9 a.m. Monday, March 28, 2005 at Renaissance Village of rural Whitley County.

Born in Huntington County on July 2, 1918, a daughter of Omer Emery and Opal Marie (Edgington) Gamble, she was raised in Washington Township, Whitley County and educated in Washington Township through Whitley County Schools.



Hesting

She married Lawrence R. Hesting on July 2, 1936 at St. Catherine of Alexandria Catholic Church.

In addition to being a homemaker, mother and grandmother, Hesting worked for 12 years as a teacher's aide in Washington Center School. She also taught a religion class at St. Catherine of Alexandria Catholic Church and assisted her husband in the management and operation of the Hesting Family Farm.

She was a member of St. Catherine of Alexandria Catholic Church, its Rosary Sodality and Willing 20 Extension Homemakers Club

Surviving relatives include her three children, Garland J. (Sharon) Hesting, Marvin R. (Elaine) Hesting and Jeanne (Tom) Rethlake all of Columbia City; 13 grandchildren, 30 great-grandchildren; five brothers, Gerald E. (Bonita) Gamble, Paul E. (Arlis) Gamble, Dale (Gladys) Gamble and Verlin E. Gamble all of Columbia City and Duane (Edna) Gamble of Winona Lake.

She is preceded in death by her husband, her parents, a brother, Doyle E. Gamble, an infant daughter, Betty Louise Hesting and a great-grandson.

Visitation is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 30 at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Drive, Columbia City. A prayer service is at 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. A family prayer service is at 9:15 a.m. Thursday at the funeral home with a funeral mass following at 10:30 a.m. at St. Catherine of Alexandria Catholic Church, with Father Kenneth Sarrazine officiating. Burial is at St. Catherine of Alexandria Catholic Cemetery in Columbia City.

Memorial bequests may be given on Hesting's behalf to masses at the church or to the donor's choice. Envelopes are available at the funeral home.

To send family condolences, sign the guest register or to light a memorial candle in her memory, please visit www.demoneygrimes.com.

Lena Jane Smith, 72

Jan. 30, 1933 - March 29, 2005

Lena Jane Smith, 72, a resident of Columbia City, died at 4:53 p.m. Tuesday, March 29, 2005 at Parkview Whitley Hospital in Columbia City. She had been a resident at Miller's Merry Manor in Columbia City since May 10, 2003.

Born on Jan. 30, 1933 in Huntington, a daughter of Earl and Winifred (Christman) Waters, her formative years were spent in Huntington.

In 1962 she was united in marriage to Conrad Smith and they made their home in Whitley County and Pierceton. Mr. Smith died June 14, 1971. In 1988 she moved to Columbia City.

A homemaker, she was a member of American Legion Post 258 Auxiliary in Pierceton and Eagles 1906 Auxiliary.

Surviving relatives include three sons, Melvin Fouts, Gary W. Fouts and David Smith, all of Columbia City; two daughters, Jane Foust of Leesburg and Bonnie Krebs of Warsaw; a step-daughter, Teresa Ziesig of Pierceton; 11 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; a brother, Bobby Waters of Miamisburg, Ohio; and a sister, Bonnie Witt of Fort Wayne.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by two brothers, Ed Waters and Earl Waters.

The funeral service is at 2 p.m. Friday, April 1, at Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City with the Rev. Jack Scott, of Columbia City United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial is at Pilgrim Rest Cemetery in Huntington. Visitation is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to the Salvation Army.



Smith

Price service

Pastor Jeff Boyer officiated at the funeral service for Charles E. Price, 87, on Tuesday, March 29, 2005 at North Webster Church of God.

Organist Pauline White included traditional hymns in the prelude and postlude with "Victory in Jesus" as a congregational hymn. Shelly Judd sang "The Old Rugged Cross" as a vocal solo.

Casketbearers were Chris Lung, Doug, Ryne and Gary Price, Chuck Brandon and Justin Fear, Chad Kohli and Scott Edwards. Burial was at Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier.

Mr. Price, husband of Eleanor Price and father of Dee Ann Pifer, Gloria Edwards, Sandi Lung and Gary Price, died Friday, March 25, 2005.

Arrangements were completed by DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home in Columbia City.

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Columbia City, Indiana

Vernon C. Gambrell Sr., 68

April 2, 1936 - March 29, 2005

Vernon C. Gambrell Sr., 68, of Mt. Pleasant, C., formerly of Ithaca, N.Y., died unexpectedly at home on Tuesday, March 29, 2005.

Born on Sept. 2, 1936 in Fort Payne, he was a son of James and Helmina Gambrell.



He served in the U.S. Air Force from 1954 to 1958, then earned a BS from Purdue University in Electrical Engineering.

He was employed by Corning Glass Works from 1964 to 1971, then Cornell University 1971-1978. He opened his own business, Gambrell Enterprises in 1973 and owned Elline the Telephone Answering Service of Ithaca from 1979 until 1990. He resided in Ithaca from 1973 to 1990.

He was a member of the East Hill Flying Club, past member of the Lutheran Church in Ithaca and a current member of Baptist Church in North Carolina.

He enjoyed fishing and travel and loved his miniature greyhound dog "Indie" who died in December and his other pets, Tessa, Breaking and Prophet.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a sister, Patricia Anne Gambrell and a niece.

Survivors include his current wife, Sue Allmon Gambrell; Sue's children, Lewis (Sandra) Smoak and a grandson of Wake Forest, N.C.; David Smoak of North Carolina; a brother, James (Carol) Gambrell; and sisters, Susan (Jerry) Stahl; and Phyllis (Mike) Shaffer, all of Columbia City; former wife, Elline Weiner and their four children, Vernon (Julia) Gambrell Jr. of Lillington, N.C.; Juliana Gambrell of Newport Beach, Calif.; Christina (Stephen) Morse of Aurora, N.Y.; Melissa (Walter) Baumann of East Farmingdale, N.Y.; 10 grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

A memorial service is April 9 at the Gordon Funeral Home in Mt. Pleasant, N.C.

Memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Association, P.O. Box 1131, Fairfax, VA 22038-1131.

Freida B. Riggers, 86

July 7, 1918 - March 31, 2005

Freida B. Riggers, 86, formerly of Huntington, died at 1 a.m. Thursday, March 31, 2005 at United Methodist Memorial Home where she had been a resident for the past three years.

Born on July 7, 1918 in Huntington County, a daughter of Harve and Eda (Hosler) Bailey, she graduated from Rock Creek High School in 1935 and attended Anderson College and Huntington College.

She was united in marriage to John H. Riggers on Dec. 24, 1939 at St. Peters Lutheran Church. He preceded her in death on July 16, 1988.

A homemaker, she also worked in food service at Huntington North High School for 10 years.

A member of St. Peter Lutheran Church, where she was involved with the Tuesday Club, she was also a member of the Erie Ladies Auxiliary.

Survivors include a son, Gary J. Riggers of Bowling Green, Ohio; two daughters, Judith A. (Ned) Short and Janet L. Brown, both of Huntington; a sister, Eloise Lambert of Columbia City; 10 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren and a great-great-grandchild.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by four brothers and two sisters.

Visitation is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday, April 2, at Myers Funeral Home, Huntington Chapel. The funeral service is at 2 p.m. Sunday at the funeral chapel. Interment is at Pilgrims Rest Cemetery, Huntington.

Preferred memorials are to the United Methodist Memorial Home Alzheimer's Foundation, in care of Myers Funeral Home, 2901 Guilford Street, Huntington, IN 46750.

To sign Mrs. Rigger's online guest registry, visit www.myersfuneralhome.com and click on obituaries.

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Columbia City, Indiana

Hazel Kyler, 96

Jan. 12, 1909 - March 30, 2005

Hazel Kyler, 96, a retired teacher, died at 8:20 a.m. Wednesday, March 30, 2005 at Kosciusko Community Hospital in Warsaw.

Born on Jan. 12, 1909 in Troy Township, Whitley County, she was a daughter of Charles C. and Phoebe (Starnier) Snyder. She graduated from Pierceton High School in 1926 and received her A.B. degree from Manchester College in 1930 and her Masters

degree from Columbia University in 1940. She also did additional degree work at Manchester College in the early 1950s.

In 1930 she began teaching Latin and history at North Webster High School. For several years her Latin students were participants in the state Latin contest in Bloomington. In 1940 she began teaching social studies in Goshen.

In 1943 she married Garth E. Kyler and they were lifelong residents of Richland Township. In 1949 she began teaching at Etna Troy grade school (fifth grade), retiring in 1974, completing 39 and one-half years of teaching.

During the next 10 years the Kylers traveled widely in Europe, Asia, Africa and Australia.

She was a member of Pierceton Presbyterian Church and the National Retired Teachers Association.

Survivors include a son, Lynn E. Kyler of Jackson Center, Pa.; a brother, C.D. Snyder of Wabash; three grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Garth; a sister, Dorothy Moore; and a great-granddaughter.

Calling for Mrs. Kyler is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. today at McHatton-Sadler Funeral Chapel in Pierceton. The funeral service is at 10 a.m. Saturday at the funeral home. Burial follows at Spring Creek Cemetery, Sidney.



Kyler

George LeRoy Leininger, 75

March 27, 1930 - March 31, 2005

George LeRoy Leininger, 75, of Columbia City, died Thursday, March 31, 2005 at his residence.

Born on March 27, 1930 in Columbia City, a son of Clarence David and Hulda Marie (Anderson) Leininger, he graduated from Columbia City High School in 1948. After graduation he began his employment at *The Post & Mail*.

On Sept. 16, 1948 he enlisted in the U.S. Army, serving a year in Korea. He was honorably discharged Sept. 15, 1951.

On Nov. 24, 1952 he was united in marriage to Deloris Jean Simon. They made their first home at Crooked Lake, later moving to Blue Lake for a short time. They then made their home on a farm near Churubusco and later Tri Lakes. In 1965 they moved to their home in Columbia City.

Following his discharge from the service, he was employed at *The Post & Mail* for a short time, then Columbia Press and later Tri-County Truth in Churubusco. In 1992 he retired from Our Sunday Visitor/Noll Printing in Huntington with 25 years of service. He also operated a printing business in his home for three years.

His memberships include Grace Lutheran Church and American Legion Post 98.

Survivors include his wife, Jean; three sons,

David J. Leininger and Danial L. Leininger, both of Columbia City, and Douglas B. (Pam) Leininger of South Whitley; a daughter, Dorothy M. (Curtis) Bingham of Pierceton; nine grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and a sister, Lois Marie Pulley of Columbia City.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a sister, Virginia Johnson and two brothers, Henry Leininger and Julius Leininger.

The funeral service is at 10:30 a.m. Monday, April 4, at Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City with the Rev. Dr. C. James Cress, of Grace Lutheran Church, officiating. Visitation is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. Burial is at South Park Annex Cemetery, with military honors presented by American Legion Post 98.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to Parkinson Foundation or Grace Lutheran Church.



Leininger



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Columbia City, Indiana

Dorothy C. Reiter, 90

April 29, 1914 - March 31, 2005

Dorothy C. Reiter, 90, of Decatur, died at 7:40 p.m. Thursday, March 31, 2005 at Adams County Memorial Hospital in Decatur following a brief illness.

Born on April 29, 1914 in Columbus, Ind., she was a daughter of Albert W. and Sophia (Mensendiek) Rossman.

Her marriage was to Emil H. Reiter on Nov. 9, 1940. He died Nov. 28, 1994.

A homemaker, she was a member of St. John Lutheran Church, Bingen, and its ladies guild.

Survivors include a son, James A. Reiter of Hoagland; two daughters, Karen A. (Richard) Blank of Columbia City, and Janet E. (Roger) Scott of Fort Wayne; eight grandchildren and 10

great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by three brothers, Carl, Edward and Martin Rossman; and three sisters, Hilda Eckelman, Lydia Rossman and Paula Schroeder.

The funeral service is at 2 p.m. Sunday, April 3, at St. John Lutheran Church, Bingen, with Pastor Thomas Olson officiating. Visitation is from 1 to 6 p.m. Saturday at Zwick & Jahn Funeral Home, Decatur, and from noon until time of service Sunday at the church. Burial is at St. John Lutheran Cemetery, Bingen.

Preferred memorials are to Worship for Shut-Ins.

To sign the guest book online, visit www.zwickjahn.com.

Piebenga service

The funeral service for Bernard Piebenga, 78, was Saturday, Feb. 5, 2005 at Smith and Sons Miller Chapel, South Whitley, with the Rev. David Wagner of Collamer Christian Church, officiating.

A variety of favorite hymns were played during the prelude and postlude including "Just a Closer Walk With Thee," "Amazing Grace," "What a Friend We Have In Jesus" and "In the Garden."

Burial took place on March 31 at South Whitley Cemetery.

Mr. Piebenga, husband of Rosemary W. (McCoy) Piebenga and father of Judy Earnhart, Treeca (Arden) Jenkins and Vicki Piebenga, died Wednesday, Feb. 2.

following obituary is being reprinted to correct a
-CAH

Max E. Hill, 60

Aug. 25, 1944 - March 29, 2005

Max E. Hill, 60, a resident of Columbia City, died Tuesday afternoon, March 29, at Parkview Whitley Hospital in Columbia City where he was admitted earlier in the day. He had been in failing health.

Born on Aug. 25, 1944 in Columbia City, a son of Donald Fay (Osborn) Hill, he graduated from Columbia City Joint High School in 1963.

In 1963 he enlisted in the U.S. Army, serving during the Vietnam War. He was honorably discharged in 1967.

On Aug. 4, 1967 he was married in marriage to Judy Oliver and they have three sons who made their home in Columbia City.

He retired from Zollner Electronics in Fort Wayne with 20 years of service.

Surviving relatives include his wife, Judy; a son, Pete Hill of Columbia City; two grandchildren; his mother, Fay Hill of Columbia City; two brothers, Jim Hill of Fort Wayne and Roger Hill of Columbia City; and a sister, Nancy Hill of Tucson, Ariz.

He was preceded in death by his father and a brother, David Hill.

The funeral service is at 1 p.m. Saturday, April 2, at Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City, with the Rev. Barry Faucett, pastor of New Hope Wesleyan Church, officiating. Burial is at Mt. Matthew's Cemetery. Visitation is from 4 to 7 p.m. today at the funeral home.

For those who wish, memorials may be directed to the family.



Hill

Linda Kay Lutter, 48

May 19, 1956 - April 1, 2005

Linda Kay Lutter, 48, a resident of rural LaOtto, and wife of Randy J. Lutter, died at 4:15 a.m. Friday, April 1, 2005 at the family residence in Swan Township. She had been in declining health for some time and had been seriously ill for the past year.

Born on May 19, 1956 in Garrett, a daughter of Dale E. and Betty (Strong) Adams, her formative years were spent on the family farm east of LaOtto and she graduated from Garrett High School in 1974.

On June 7, 1974 she was married to Randy J. Lutter in LaOtto.

Always active as a farm wife, she assisted her husband in the operation of the family farm in Swan Township, and also owned and operated Farmer's Corner Restaurant in LaOtto from 1981 to 1993.

A member of Emmanuel Lutheran Church in LaOtto, she was past president of the LaOtto Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary and she co-authored two cookbooks along with her mother.

Surviving relatives include her husband, Randy J.; two sons, Jeremy (Jennifer) Lutter and Jason (Amanda) Lutter, all of LaOtto; her mother, Betty Adams of LaOtto; a brother, Larry (Shelly) Adams of LaOtto; a grandson and two nephews.

She was preceded in death by her father on July 18, 1994.

The funeral service is at 10 a.m. Monday at Emmanuel Lutheran Church in LaOtto, with Pastor Sue Socha officiating. The family will receive friends at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco from 2 to 8 p.m. Sunday, or at the church one hour prior to the service Monday.

For those who wish, memorials may be directed to the LaOtto Volunteer Fire Department.

Condolences may be e-mailed to the family at sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

**Lutter****Carter service**

The funeral service for Mary Jane Carter, 86, was held Friday morning, April 1, 2005, at Smith and Sons Miller Chapel, South Whitley, with Rev. Jonathan Damon, pastor of South Whitley First Baptist Church, officiating.

A variety of hymns were played during the prelude and postlude including "Amazing Grace," "In the Garden" and "Just a Closer Walk With Thee."

The committal service followed at South Whitley Cemetery. Casketbearers were Bill McGrath, Wayne Fryer, Corey Shepler, Chris Reed, Jeff Walker, Josh Walker and Colt Shepler.

Mrs. Carter, the widow of Ned W. Reed and Boyd Carter and the mother of Ed (Nell) Reed and Jim (Lana) Reed, died Monday, March 28.

Smith service

The funeral service for Lena Jane Smith, 72, was held Friday afternoon, April 1, 2005, at Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with Rev. Jack Scott, pastor of Columbia City United Methodist Church, officiating. Patty Gunter, a granddaughter, shared personal reflections.

A variety of hymns selections were played during the prelude and postlude including "Why Me Lord?," "Amazing Grace," "Little Band of Gold" and "The Old Rugged Cross." Katie Gunter, a great-granddaughter, and Karli Smith, a granddaughter, sang "Jesus Loves Me" during the service.

The committal service followed at Pilgrim Rest Cemetery, Huntington. Casketbearers were Chuck Springer, Tim Springer, Shaun Springer, Ronnie Evans, Josh Gunter and Patty Gunter.

Mrs. Smith, the widow of Conrad Smith and mother of Melvin Fouts, Gary W. Fouts, Jane Fouts, Bonnie Krebs, David Smith and Teresa Ziesig, died Tuesday, March 29.

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Elnora M. 'Elly' Crawford, 76

May 27, 1928 - March 31, 2005

Elnora M. "Elly" Crawford, 76, a resident of Loon Lake, died at 6 p.m. on Thursday, March 31, 2005 at her home. She had been in failing health.

She was born May 27, 1928, in Columbia City, a daughter of Leroy Dexter and Lola (Gaerte) Gaylord. Her formative years were spent in Columbia City, Jefferson Township and Washington Township. She graduated from Washington Center High School.

On June 12, 1948, she was united in marriage to Cecil Crawford, Jr. They made their first home in Jefferson Township and later Union Township. They then made their home in Fort Wayne for three years. In 1973, they moved to their present home in Loon Lake.

She was employed in the cafeteria of Whitley County Memorial Hospital, the S&L Truck Stop and retired from United Technologies in 1993 with 20 years of service.

Surviving relatives include her husband, Cecil; two sons, Roger (Melissa) Crawford of Ft. Petersburg, Fla., and Ronald (Darlene) Crawford of Pierceton; a daughter, Sheryl (Steve) Hackett of Churubusco; nine grandchildren; and a sister, Martha Maggart of Fort Wayne.

She was preceded in death by a son, Ricki Duane Crawford; three brothers, Carl Gaylord, George Gaylord and Bud Gaylord; and three sisters, Mary Nix, Hazel Gaylord and Betty Miller.

The funeral service will be held at 2 p.m., Monday, April 4, 2005, at Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City. The burial will be in Oak Grove Cemetery. The visitation will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to Fort Wayne Rescue Mission or Bear Lake Camp.



Crawford

Walker service

Pastor Curtiss Johnson officiated at the funeral service for Dorothy J. Walker, 81, on Friday, April 1, 2005 at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home.

Organist Evelyn Stemen included "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms," "The Old Rugged Cross" "The Lily of the Valley" and "Til the Storm Passes By" with "Nearer, My God, to Thee" as postlude. Special compact disc selections were "How Great Thou Art" and "Amazing Grace." A video celebrating Mrs. Walker's life was shown before dismissing family and friends.

Casketbearers were Phil Gordon, Todd and Don Clark, Steve Sturgeon, and David and Brian Walker. Burial was at Nolt Cemetery, rural Columbia City.

Mrs. Walker, mother of Marcia Gordon, died Tuesday, March 29, 2005.

Turner service

Father Lawrence Kramer officiated at the funeral mass for Vincent J. Turner, 68, on Friday, April 1, 2005 at St. Paul of the Cross Catholic Church.

Music included "On Eagles Wings" and other traditional hymns with Joanna Ewing as organist.

Private interment was at St. Paul of the Cross Catholic Cemetery, Columbia City.

Mr. Turner, father of Vince, Marc and Matt Turner, Cheryl Roton and Cathy Sauers, died at his home in Mesa, Ariz. on Friday, Feb. 25.

Local arrangements were by DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home in Columbia City.

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Hesting service

Father Kenneth Sarrazine officiated at the funeral mass of Waneta V. Hesting, 86, on Thursday, March 31, 2005 at St. Catherine of Alexandria Catholic Church following a family prayer service.

Music included "Ave Maria," "Amazing Grace," "How Great Thou Art," "On Eagles Wings" and "The Lord's Prayer" by Judy Kehmeyer, organist, with Kurt Kehmeyer as cantor.

Casketbearers were Jason, Jared, Brian and Bradley Hesting, Steven and Shawn Barber. Burial was at St. Catherine of Alexandria Catholic Cemetery, Columbia City.

Father Sarrazine conducted a rosary service at the funeral home on Wednesday evening following visitation.

Mrs. Hesting, widow of Lawrence R. Hesting

and mother of Garland and Marvin Hesting and Jeanne Rethlake, died Monday, March 28, 2005.

Arrangements were completed by DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home in Columbia City.

Robert E. 'Gene' Gaff, 83**July 19, 1921 - April 1, 2005**

Robert E. "Gene" Gaff, 83, a resident of rural Auburn and formerly of Churubusco, died at 11:55 p.m. Friday, April 1, 2005 at Harborside Healthcare in New Haven following a lengthy illness.



Born on July 19, 1921 in Churubusco, a son of Roy and Alice (Hull) Gaff, his formative years were spent in Churubusco and he graduated from Churubusco High School in 1941.

As a young man he served with the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II.

On Sept. 17, 1955 he was married to Mildred Rosenogle in Angola. The couple spent all of their married years in the Churubusco-area, until moving to Auburn in 1997.

**Gaff**

Owner and operator of Gaff's Tin Shop in Churubusco from 1960 until his retirement in 1997, he was a member of the Gilbert Davis American Legion Post 157 in Churubusco and Disabled Veterans.

Surviving relatives include his wife, Mildred; a son, Scott R. (Melanie) Gaff of Auburn; a step-daughter, Carolyn Parker of Jackson, Mich.; two sisters, Betty Gaff and Ellen Griffin, both of Churubusco; a brother, Ralph (Dorothy) Gaff of Phoenix, Ariz.; two grandchildren; 11 step-grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

The funeral service is at 10 a.m. Wednesday, April 6, at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with the Rev. Rick Van Horn, of Believer's Bible Fellowship, officiating. The family will receive friends from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the mortuary. Interment is at Sweet Cemetery in Noble County, with military graveside rites.

Condolences may be e-mailed to the family at sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

Robert L. Richmond, 86

July 25, 1918 - April 1, 2005

Robert L. Richmond of Warsaw died at 9:55 a.m. Fri, April 1 at Kosciusko Community Hospital.

He was born to Fred and Thelma Richmond July 25, 1918. The family moved to Warsaw from Lebanon, Tenn. in 1915.

He graduated from Warsaw High School in 1937 where he played football and was an avid boxer. His service with the U.S. Army during World War II took him to France. Upon his return to Warsaw, Richmond worked at Warsaw Dry Cleaners, then owned by Mayor Frank Rarick, and introduced his afternoon radio show on WKAM, which featured big band music. From the mid-1950s through the 1960s, he had a Saturday morning program on WRSW. He retired in 1986 as a pay station administrator of United Telephone Company of Indiana.

Richmond was elected to three terms on the Warsaw City Council, from 1984 to 1995, and served as president of the Council for 10 years. He was active in the community, having served on the Warsaw Parks Board for nearly 20 years, in addition to the Warsaw Housing Authority, Mental Health Association and Multi-Township EMS Boards of Directors.

He was a member of the First Evangelical Presbyterian Church and the American Legion Post #49 Warsaw, as well as the local Toastmasters and Optimist Clubs.

His musical career spanned 50 years. The "Bob Richmond Band" was composed of trios, quartets and quintets. Richmond played the drums and trumpet.

He was named "Man of the Year" in 1993 by the Warsaw Chamber of Commerce. In 2003, he was awarded the Sagamore of the Wabash, the highest honor bestowed by the governor of Indiana.

Richmond loved people, pets and the Lord. He loved to fish, play cards and never missed a game of his beloved Chicago Bears. He was also a die-hard Cubs fan and a big fan of Bobby Knight.

Richmond is survived by numerous friends.

Visitation is today from 2 to 8 p.m. at McHatton-Sadler Funeral Home. Services will be held at the funeral home today at 10 a.m. with Pastor Wanda Carter officiating. Burial will follow at Oakwood Cemetery, Warsaw, with military honors by the American Legion Post #49 Warsaw.

Memorials may be made to the Kosciusko County Community Foundation for Musical Scholarships, 102 E. Market St, Warsaw.



Ruby May Sponhauer, 88

Former South Whitley resident

Ruby May Sponhauer, formerly of South Whitley, died at 6:10 a.m. Tuesday, April 4, 2005 at the Timbercrest Healthcare Facility in North Manchester where she has resided since October 2000. She was 88-years-old.

Sponhauer was the daughter of Mary (Freed) Montel Logan and Charles Montel. She was raised on a farm in Kosciusko County and graduated from Silver Lake High School in 1934.

She married Hobart D.

Sponhauer Feb. 19, 1938. He preceded her in death April 1, 1998.

She was a member of the Eel River Church of the Brethren and joined the First Church of God in Collamer following her marriage. She was a Sunday school teacher for many years and was active in the WSCS. She loved to cook and share her many fine dinners with friends and family. She was a devoted mother, farm wife and grandmother.

She was preceded in death by her brother, David Montel. She is survived by three children, Sherry (Dennis) Todd of Lagro, Marvey (Beverly) Sponhauer of Ligonier and Charles

(Barbara) Sponhauer of Marion; sisters, Fern Wood of Warsaw and Lucile (Wayne) Jenkins of South Whitley; six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Services will be held 11 a.m. Thursday, April 7 in Smith & Sons Miller Chapel, South Whitley with the Rev. Tom Coltrain officiating. Burial will be in the South Whitley Cemetery. Visitation is 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 6.

Memorials may be made to the Collamer Church of God or Timbercrest Health Care.



Sponhauer

Betty (Cope) Callahan, 85**Oct. 10, 1919 - April 3, 2005**

Betty (Cope) Callahan died Sun, April 3, in Huntington after a brief illness.

She was born to William E. and Ida Morgan Cope Oct. 10, 1919 in the borough of Manhattan, NYC. The family moved to Anderson on St. Patrick's Day, 1927. She married James P. Callahan on May 10, 1941.

Callahan worked as a proofreader at the *Anderson Herald* and occasionally served as a guest columnist for "The Interim," a daily column about local interests. She left the *Herald* to work as a test editor for the Enlisted Evaluation Center of the U.S. Army at Fort Benjamin Harrison. She retired from Civil Service in 1980.

She was a volunteer for Contact Help of Madison County, completing over 2,000 hours of service as a listening ear for people who needed someone to talk to. She had been a member of the Maple Grove Church of God in Anderson for many years until moving to Huntington where she joined Faith Community Church of God.

She was preceded in death by her husband, James, in 1998.

She is survived by children, Pat Radaker of Columbia City, Jim (Carolyn) Callahan of Laurie, Missouri, Jean (Steve) Schowe of Huntington, Bill (Ann) Callahan of Carmel; sister-in law, Stella King of Livingston, Tennessee; seven grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Services will be conducted 10 a.m. Thursday, April 7, at Brown-Butz-Diedring Funeral Home, 515 E. 53rd St., Anderson, with the Rev. Marvin Baker officiating. Burial will be in Anderson Memorial Park Cemetery. Visitation is 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial donations to Contact Help of Madison County, Maple Grove Church of God in Anderson or Faith Community Church of God in Huntington.

To send condolences online, visit www.brownbutzdiedring.com.

Joseph Savant, 42**Dec. 3, 1962 - April 3, 2005**

Joseph Savant, 42 of Warsaw, died at 11 a.m. Sunday, April 3, 2005 at his residence.

Born on Dec. 3, 1962 in Gary, he was a son of Jessie and Mary Carol (Hill) Savant Sr.

He was married to Michelle Sutter on July 24, 1999 in Andrews.

Living in Warsaw most of his life, he worked as a core maker for Warsaw Foundry.

Survivors include his wife, Michelle of South Whitley; his father and step-mother, Jessie and Marion Savant of Warsaw; sons, Dayn of Lafayette and Christopher of Omaha, Neb.; a daughter, Brittany of Omaha; step-children, Ryan Kessler, Adriane Copeland and Daniel Messenger, all of Columbia City; a brother, Jessie Savant Jr. of Warsaw; sister, Julie Trevino of Texas and four step-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Johnnie Savant.

The funeral service is at 7:30 p.m. today at McHatton-Sadler Funeral Chapel, 2290 Provident Court in Warsaw, with visitation from 5 p.m. until time of service. The Rev. Bob Brown will officiate. Burial is at Oakwood Cemetery, Warsaw.

For those who wish, memorials may be directed to the Savant Family, American Heart Association, P.O. Box 88-541, Chicago, IL 60680-1541 or Memorial and Honor Program, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

Edward E. Gilbert, 88**Sept. 14, 1916 - April 5, 2005**

Edward E. Gilbert, 88, a resident of Churubusco, died early Tuesday morning, April 5, 2005 at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. He had been in declining health for some time and had entered the hospital on April 1.



Born in Churubusco on Sept. 14, 1916, a son of Charles and Bessie (Workman) Gilbert, his entire lifetime was spent in Churubusco.

As a young man he served with the U.S. Army during World War II.

He was united in marriage to Freda E. Wise on Oct. 20, 1945 at Ege.

Employed as a mechanic at the former Floyd's Auto Sales in Churubusco for 42 years, he retired in 1977.

**Gilbert**

He was a member of St. John Bosco Catholic Church, the Kikionga Long Rifle Club, Gilbert Davis American Legion Post 157, Churubusco Veteran's of Foreign Wars Turtle Post 3846 and the National Muzzle Loading Rifle Association.

Survivors include his wife, Freda; six children, Fred C. (Coreen) Gilbert of Fort Wayne; Thomas (Sue) Gilbert, Edward J. Gilbert and Sarah A. Gilbert, all of Churubusco; Charles Gilbert of Warsaw and Ellen Jefferies of LaOtto; a sister, Marie Sage of Churubusco; seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a sister, Juanita Kesler and a brother, David L. Gilbert.

The Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Friday, April 8, at St. John Bosco Catholic Church in Churubusco, with Father Danney Pinto as celebrant. The family will receive friends from 2 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco, with the rosary recited at 8 p.m. Burial is at Eel River Cemetery, south of Churubusco, with military graveside rites.

For those who wish, memorials may be directed to Special Olympics.

Condolences may be e-mailed to the family at sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

Sam Jess Alvord, 59

Sept. 13, 1945 - April 4, 2005

Sam Jess Alvord, 59, of rural Columbia City,

died at 9 p.m. Monday, April 4, 2005 at his home.

Born in Bradford, Pa.

on Sept. 13, 1945, he was a son of Ruth Marie and Glen Heath Alvord. As a young boy he lived in Bradford, Pa. until age 3 when he moved to Tampa, Fla., moving to Columbia City in 1976. He graduated from Montverde Academy, Montverde, Fla., with the Class of 1963.

He was united in marriage to Judy Jean Miller on Jan. 11, 1974 at Monticeia Presbyterian Church in Tampa.

He worked for funeral homes for 10 years in Tampa, Tampa Wholesale Liquors, Essex, Columbia City, Dana Corporation for 25 years, Westville Correction as a sergeant of security for five years during the recession, returning to Dana and the Sheriff's Reserves for eight years from 1991 to 1999.

His memberships included South Whitley Masonic Lodge 510, and Columbia City Eagles and Moose lodges.

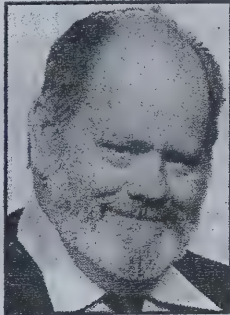
Survivors include his wife Judy J. Alvord of Columbia City; sons, Cory A. (Melissa T.) Alvord of Butler; and Glenn L. (Michelle D.) Alvord of Columbia City; and two grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and several aunts and uncles.

Visitation is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, April 7, at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Drive in Columbia City. A twilight memorial service is at 8 p.m., conducted by South Whitley Masonic Lodge 510. The funeral service is at 2 p.m. Friday at the funeral home with the Rev. Ken Weaver of Parkview Home Health & Hospice officiating. Burial is at Nolt Cemetery, Columbia City.

Memorial bequests may be given in Mr. Alvord's memory to Parkview Home Health & Hospice. Envelopes are available at the funeral home.

To send condolences to the family, sign the guest register or to light a memorial candle in Mr. Alvord's memory, log onto www.demoneygrimes.com.

**Alvord****Betty C. Bratt, 75**

Aug. 22, 1929 - April 4, 2005

Betty C. Bratt of Columbia City died at 7:37 p.m. Monday, April 4, 2005 at Parkview Whitley Hospital in Columbia City.

Born on Aug. 22, 1929 in Whitley County, a daughter of Chester and Ruth (Shafer) Myers, she attended Columbia City High School.

She was united in marriage to Donald Bratt on April 26, 1947 in Whitley County. He died Aug. 27, 1983.

A Whitley County resident her entire life and a homemaker, she was manager at Dennihan Apartments for several years.

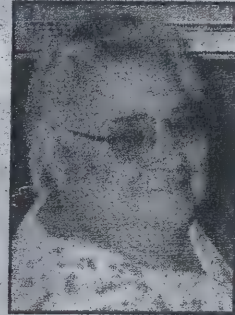
Her memberships included American Legion Auxiliary, V.F.W. Post 2919 Auxiliary and a charter member of the Eagles Lodge.

Survivors include a son, Tony Bratt; a daughter, Marla (Lance) Herbst; a brother, Basil Myers; and a sister, Devona Berg, all of Columbia City; a step-brother, Stanley Lawson of Kendallville; three step-sisters, Charlene Murphy and Nancy Tepin, both of Fort Wayne; and Ann Askren of Albion; and three grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by step-parents, Lana (Grate) Myers and Stanley Hurd.

The funeral service is at 10 a.m. Friday, April 8, at Shoda-Wilkinson Funeral Home, 116 S. Line St. in Columbia City, with Dale Moser and Jack Airhouser officiating. Visitation is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Interment is at St. Matthews Cemetery.

For those who wish, memorials may be directed to Aging in Home Service or Gospel Land Christian Center Building Fund.

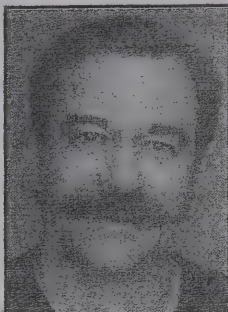
**Bratt**

Gene Harmon Milner, 51

Sept. 20, 1953 - April 6, 2005

Gene Harmon Milner, 51, a resident of Cleveland Township, Whitley County, died early Wednesday morning, April 6, 2005, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Born on Sept. 20, 1953 in Whitewater, Wis., a son of Harmon and Ruth (Kutz) Milner, his formative years were spent in Wisconsin and he graduated from Lakeside Lutheran High School. He completed his education at the University of Wisconsin Whitewater Campus.

**Milner**

On Oct. 25, 1986 he was united in marriage to Mara Orszulak and they made their home in Janesville where he was employed by General Motors Company.

In 1986, they moved to South Whitley and he continued his work as an assembler at the Fort Wayne General Motors plant. He had completed more than 30 years of service with General Motors.

Active in the Kosciusko County 4-H Club for the past 17 years teaching pistol target shooting, he was a member of the Warsaw Rifle and Pistol Club. An active member in the Friends of NRA, he was a hand gun instructor and shot in several different leagues.

Survivors include his wife, Mara; daughters, Elizabeth (Tony) Scheu of Ocheyendan, Iowa, and Alicia Folk of Janesville, Wis.; a son, Timothy (Kristina) Riffel of St. Petersburg, Fla.; four grandsons and a granddaughter; a brother, John Milner of Coldsprings Township, Wis.; and best friend since childhood and his wife, Richard and Linda Shertt of Jefferson, Wis.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

The funeral service is at 1 p.m. Saturday, April 9, at Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City. Burial is at South Park Cemetery. Visitation is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to the Kosciusko County 4-H Clubs or Friends of the NRA.

Jeanette Rowland, 78

Nov. 23, 1926 - April 5, 2005

Jeanette Rowland, 78, of Albion, died Tuesday morning, April 5, 2005, at the Good Samaritan Hospital in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Born on Nov. 23, 1926 in Washington Township, Noble County, a daughter of James Edward and Gladys Mae (Stults) Stump, she attended Washington Township grade school and graduated from Wolf Lake High School.

**Rowland**

On Feb. 3, 1951, she was united in marriage to Murray L. Rowland and they have always made their home on a farm near Burr Oak in Noble County.

Mrs. Rowland was employed at Weatherhead Company in Columbia City for eight years and retired from Dexter Axel Company in Albion.

Surviving relatives include her husband, Murray of Burr Oak; two sons, John E. Rowland, a Latin teacher in Winston-Salem, N.C., Dennis J. Rowland of Burr Oak; a grandson; and two brothers, Hal Stump of Kimmell and Larry Stump of Cincinnati.

The funeral service is at 10:30 a.m. Friday, April 8, at Smith & Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City with the Rev. Michael W. Allen, pastor of Ormas Baptist Church, officiating. Burial is at Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam. Visitation is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to the Parkinson Foundation, 1501 North West 9th Ave., Miami, FL 33136.

Marty Boocher, 60

January 19, 1945 - April 10, 2005

Marty Boocher, 60, formerly of Columbia City, died at 8:20 p.m. on Sunday, April 10, 2005, at St. Mary's Hospital in Evansville.

**Boocher**

She was born in Fort Wayne on January 19, 1945 to Jack Welsheimer and Maxine Garnetta (Ray) Bauer Welsheimer. She spent her entire life in Whitley County before moving to Paoli, Ind. two years ago. She graduated from

Columbia City High School with the Class of 1963. She married Roger Lew Boocher at Old Lake, Columbia City on May 25, 1979.

She worked as a waitress at Goose Lake Resort, a receptionist at Looking Good Hair Design and at Weatherhead. She was a member of the Eagles #1906 Auxiliary and Post 98 American Legion Auxiliary both of Columbia City.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her brother, Raymond Bauer.

She is survived by her husband; her daughter, Robin (Lee) Garrard of Claypool, Ind.; sons, Neil (Ann) Gordon of Auburn, Ind. (Rita) Boocher of Claypool, Ind., Larry (Leana) Gordon of Columbia City and Tracy (Michelle) of Andrews, Ind.; brother, Harry (Penny) Bauer of South Whitley; sisters, Ruth Jeanette (Donald) Schaefer of Grabill, Ind., Carolyn (George) Rubrake of Columbia City and Charlotte Mary Bowers of Big Piney, Wyo.; even grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be held from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 13 at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home in Columbia City. Funeral service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, April 14 at the funeral home with Rev. Lannie Maloney of Thorncreek Bethel Church of God officiating. Memorial bequest may be given in Boocher's memory to the American Lung Association. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home. To send condolences to the family, sign the guest register or to light a memorial candle in her memory, please visit www.demoneygrimes.com.

Evelyn M. Heady, 89

Aug. 1, 1915 - April 11, 2005

Evelyn M. Heady, 89, of Columbia City, died at 5:20 a.m. Monday, April 11, 2005, at The Oaks Living Center in Columbia City, where she had been a resident since April 1.

Born on Aug. 1, 1915 near Silver Lake in Kosciusko County, she was a daughter of George A. and Francis (Hatton) Leffel. Her formative years were spent in Kosciusko County, the Bear Lake area and Columbia and Washington townships in Whitley County. She completed her education at Washington Center High School.

On Jan. 1, 1933 she was united in marriage to Robert G. Heady and they made their home in Washington and Columbia townships. In 1953 they moved to Bear Lake where they resided for 12 years. They then served in mission fields in Haiti and on Navajo reservations in Arizona and New Mexico. In 1986 they moved to their home in Columbia City.

Surviving relatives include her husband, Robert, and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by four brothers, Robert, Maurice, Dale and Harold; and two sisters, Mildred and Helen.

The funeral service is at 10 a.m. Thursday, April 14, at Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City, with Pastors Carroll McNutt, Robert Crabtree and Thomas Beers officiating. Burial is at South Park Cemetery. Visitation is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

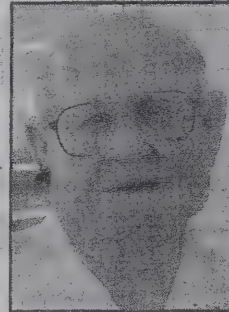
Garrad E. Murphy, 82

April 10, 1922 - April 7, 2005

Garrad E. Murphy, 82, a resident of Ormas, died at 9:58 a.m., Thursday, April 7, 2005 at his home.

He was born on April 10, 1922 in Kentucky, a son of Cleties and Nora D. Halsey Murphy. As a young boy, his family moved to Indiana, settling in Noble County.

On Dec. 20, 1941, he was united in marriage to Rose Wilder and they made their first home near Cromwell. For the past 10 years, they have resided at Ormas.

**Murphy**

Mr. Murphy was employed by the J. I. Case Company in Churubusco for several years, then the Indiana State Highway Department for 10 years and then Smith Walbridge Camp in Syracuse for 30 years. He was also actively engaged in farming for many years.

He was a member of the Salem Community Church.

Surviving relatives include his wife, Rose; daughters, Jane (Wayne) Jones of Colorado; Janice (Fred) Rockey of Columbia City and Ruth (Ralph) Corner of Warsaw; sons, Gene (Sally) Murphy of Colorado; Randy Murphy of Columbia City and Jim (Vickie) Murphy of Fort Wayne; 17 grandchildren, 32 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren; three brothers, Cleties Murphy Jr. of Kimmell, Charles "Bob" Murphy of Pierceton, Roy Murphy, Coldwater, Mich; three sisters, Anna May Till of New Haven, Rosellyn McGinnis of Fort Wayne and Carol Harris of LaOtto.

He was preceded in death by three sisters, Elizabeth Simon, Alice Gaff and Bessie Stabler.

The funeral service is at 2 p.m. Sunday, April 10, at Salem Community Church, Wilmot with the Rev. David Biberstine, officiating. Burial is at Thorn Cemetery at Ormas. Visitation is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday at Smith & Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City and one hour before the service at the church.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to Parkview Home Health and Hospice.

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Paul E. Lutz, 88**February 6, 1917 - April 11, 2005**

Paul E. Lutz, 88, died Monday, April 11, at Miller's Merry Manor in Columbia City. He was born in Huntington February 6, 1917 to George Lutz and Samantha (Venes) Lutz.

He was a quality assurance inspector with the Tokheim Corporation for 46 years and retired in 1982. He was also a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II and a member of American Legion Post 98, VFW Post 857 and Tokheim Quarter Century Club, F.O.E. 248.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Joan G. Lutz, six sisters and two brothers. Survivors include sons, George E. Lutz of Columbia City and Paul D. Lutz of Fort Wayne; four grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Services start 1 p.m. Thursday, April 14 at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Funeral Home with calling between 4 and 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 13 at the funeral home. He will be buried at Six Mile Cemetery of Bluffton, Ind. Memorials may be made to the donor's choice.



Crawford service

The funeral service for Elnora M. "Elly" Crawford, 76, was Monday, April 4, 2005 at Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City, with the Rev. Carroll McNutt officiating.

Bev Hearld played a variety of favorite selections during the organ prelude and postlude including "Beyond the Sunset," "Just a Closer Walk With Thee" and "Sing a Song of Six Pence."

The committal service followed at Oak Grove Cemetery. Nephews serving as casketbearers were Larry Crawford, David Lawrence, Darrell B. Beckett, Richard Cox, Randy Crawford and Stefan Pittenger.

Mrs. Crawford, wife of Cecil Crawford Jr. and mother of Roger (Melissa) Crawford, Sheryl (Steve) Hackett and Ronald (Darlene) Crawford, died Thursday, March 31.

Sponhauer service

The funeral service for Ruby Mae Sponhauer, 88, was Thursday, April 7, 2005 at Smith and Sons Miller Chapel in South Whitley, with the Rev. Tom Coltrain of Collamer First Church of God officiating.

Hymns played during the prelude and postlude included "Jesus Love Me," "I'll Fly Away," "In the Garden," "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" and "Amazing Grace."

The committal service followed at South Whitley Cemetery. Casketbearers were Dan Ebbinghouse, Kent Richards, Brad Sponhauer, Andy Motter, Charles Todd and Gary Wood.

Mrs. Sponhauer, mother of Sherry (Dennis) Todd, Marvey (Beverly) Sponhauer and Charles (Barbara) Sponhauer, died Monday, April 4.

Rowland service

The funeral service for Jeanette Rowland, 78, was Friday, April 8, 2005 at Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City, with the Rev. Mike Allen of Ormas Baptist Church officiating.

A variety of hymns were played during the prelude and postlude.

The committal service followed at Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam. Casketbearers were Brian Stump, Ed Stump, Todd Pritchard, Den Rowland, Daryl Schmuck and Lynn Duggins.

Mrs. Rowland, wife of Murray Rowland and mother of John E. Rowland and Dennis J. Rowland, died Tuesday, April 5.

Marlene J. Niccum, 75

Feb. 2, 1930 - April 10, 2005

Marlene J. Niccum, 75, died Sunday, April 10, 2005 at her home in Fort Wayne.

Born in Fort Wayne on Feb. 2, 1930, she was a daughter of Carl and Lula (Hawkins) Hile.

A box office coordinator with the Arena Dinner Theatre, she was a member of Taylor Chapel United Methodist Church.

Survivors include her husband, Donovan L. Niccum of Fort Wayne; sons, Brad E. Niccum of W. Siloam, Okla.; Dean E. Niccum of Columbia City; daughters, Kathy D. Hooton of Bristol, Tenn., and Becky J. Niccum of Fort Wayne; sisters, Frances Davis of Colorado; Virginia Hile of Dayton, Ohio, and Rita Schelling of Kettering, Ohio; brothers, Basil L. Hile of Germantown, Ohio; Wayne T. Hile of Lakeland, Fla., and Darrell Hile of Greenville, Ohio; 16 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

The funeral service is at 2 p.m. Thursday, April 14, at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road, Fort Wayne. Calling is 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. today at the funeral home. Burial is at Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Preferred memorials are to Taylor Chapel United Methodist Church, Cancer Services of Allen County, Arena Dinner Theatre or Parkview Home Health Care & Hospice.

Hill service

The funeral service for Max E. Hill, 60, was Saturday, April 2, 2005 at Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City with the Rev. Barry Faucett, of New Hope Wesleyan Church, officiating.

Selections played during the prelude and postlude included "Forever in Blue Jeans" and "You Were Loved."

The committal service followed at St. Matthews Cemetery. Casketbearers were Pete Hill, J. Trier, Ted McClure, Steve Hill, John Hill and Blake Vanderford.

Mr. Hill, husband of Judy C. (Oliver) Hill and father of Pete Hill, died Tuesday, March 29.

Leo Tackett, 58

Nov. 25, 1946 - April 11, 2005

Leo Tackett, 58, of Ligonier, died at 4:53 p.m., Monday, April 11, 2005 at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Born on Nov. 25, 1946 in Warsaw, Kosciusko County, a son of Andrew David and Addie (Blanton) Tackett, he attended high school in Warsaw and a brief time in Ohio. He spent his lifetime in the Warsaw, Kimmell and Ligonier areas.

He first worked at Blue Fin Boat Company, New Paris, and at Freudenburg-NOK, Ligonier, as an inspector.

An avid knife, coin and gun collector, he also loved fishing, gardening, mowing, playing bingo and poker and operating radio controlled cars.



Tackett

He married Pamela Marie Fry in Noble County on Feb. 28, 1986.

Survivors include his wife, Pamela Marie Tackett of Ligonier; two sons, Joshua Adam (Trisha) Tackett and Dennis Deaton, both of Pierceton; a daughter, Heidi C. (Kenneth) Noe Jr., of Albion; six grandchildren; nine brothers and sisters, Mandy Clabaugh of Huntington; Hargus Evelyn Tackett of Warsaw; Frank (Beverly) Tackett of South Whitley; Ray Tackett of Ottway, Ohio; Fay Brunner of Palestine; Polly (Monroe) Allen of Packerton; Kathleen (James) Griffith of Warsaw; Geraldine Blair of Warsaw; and Carol Griffith of Warsaw.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a son, Jimmie Joe Tackett; and five brothers and sisters, Puline, Charles and Harkless Tackett, Martha Shepherd and Myrtle Heeter.

Visitation is from 2 to 8 p.m. Thursday, April 14, at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Drive in Columbia City. The funeral service is at 11 a.m. Friday at the funeral home with Pastor Chad Berkhart of Victory Christian Church, Warsaw officiating. Burial is at Sparta Cemetery, Kimmell.

Memorial bequests may be given in Mr. Tackett's memory to the donor's choice. Envelopes are available at the funeral home.

To send condolences to the family, sign the guest register or to light a memorial candle in Tackett's memory, log on to www.demoneygrimes.com.

Lowell E. "Gene Burnsie" Burns, 66

April 30, 1938 -- April 12, 2005

Lowell E. "Gene Burnsie" Burns, 66, a resident of Columbia Township, died at 12:44 p.m., Tuesday, April 12, 2005 in the emergency room of Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne. He had been in failing health.

He was born April 30, 1938 in Noble County, a son of Robert E. and Mildred D. (Reigel) Burns. He attended Thorncreek Township School and graduated Columbia City High School in 1957.

He was employed at Dana Weatherhead from 1961 until his retirement in 1997. He also operated

Burns Hay & Straw along with his son, Brian.

On August 30, 1999 he was united in marriage to JoAnn B. (Slos) Gulmyer. They have always made their home in Columbia Township.

His memberships include National Hay Association, Cornhuskers Association, lifetime member of American Quarterhorse Association and Weatherhead Pioneer Club.

Surviving relatives include his wife, JoAnn; a son, Brian Burns of Columbia City; a daughter, Sharon (Tim) Hendricks of Prospect Heights, Ill.; four stepchildren, Kathy (Tony Bowers) Kazmierczak of Elkhart, Michael (Loretta) Kazmierczak of Dowagiac, Mich.; Jodi (Chris) Reindl of Osceola, Iowa and Jen (Matt Lohrman) Gulmyer of Des Moines, Iowa; four grandchildren; 10 step-grandchildren; his mother, Mildred Burns of Columbia City and a sister, Viola (Tom) Macy of Columbia City.

The funeral service is at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, April 16, at Smith & Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City with the Pastor Bill Stephens officiating. Burial will be in Keister Cemetery. Visitation will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.



Burns

Lauris M. Clouse, 95

November 8, 1909 -- April 11, 2005

Lauris M. Clouse, 95, a former resident of Green Township in Noble County, died at 11:25 p.m. Monday, April 11, at Shepherd of the Hill Nursing Home in Kendallville following an extended illness.

Born in Green Center on Nov. 8, 1909, a daughter of Charles and Pearl (McCoy) Summers, she spent her formative years in that community.

On Feb. 28, 1926 she was married to Marion L. Clouse. The couple spent the early years of their marriage in Osceola, Middlebury and Shipshewana, before returning to the family farm in Green Township in 1942, where they lived for the rest of their married lives. Her husband preceded her in death on June 6, 1998.

A nurses aide for 25 years, she had worked at nursing homes in Albion, Wolf Lake, and at the Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla. She had also worked as a home health-care aid for several years.

Mrs. Clouse was a member of the Cornerstone Wesleyan Church in Merriam.

Surviving relatives include her three children, Helen (Edward) Patton of Fort Wayne, Dale (Betty) Clouse of Albion, and Terry (Helen) Clouse of Churubusco; her sister Frieda Walburn of Kendallville; 10 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by a brother Thad Summers; and two sisters, Mae Fry and Edna Herendeen.

Funeral service is at 10 a.m. Thursday at Cornerstone Wesleyan Church in Merriam with Pastor George Cecil officiating. Visitation is from 2 to 8 p.m. today at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco, or at the church one hour prior to service. Burial is at Christian Chapel Cemetery in Merriam.

For those who wish, memorials may be directed to Shepherd of the Hill, Kendallville.

Condolences may be e-mailed to the family at sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.



Clouse

The following obituary is being to provide additional information.—LSB

Evelyn M. Heady, 89

Aug. 1, 1915 - April 11, 2005

Evelyn M. Heady, 89, of Columbia City, died at 5:20 a.m. Monday, April 11, 2005, at The Oaks Living Center in Columbia City, where she had been a resident since April 1.

Born on Aug. 1, 1915 near Silver Lake in Kosciusko County, she was a daughter of George A. and Francis (Hatton) Leffel. Her formative years were spent in Kosciusko County, the Bear Lake area and Columbia and Washington townships in Whitley County. She completed her education at Washington Center High School.

On Jan. 1, 1933, she was united in marriage to Robert G. Heady and they made their home in Washington and Columbia townships. In 1953 they moved to Bear Lake where they resided for 12 years. They then served in mission fields in Haiti and on Navajo reservations in Arizona and New Mexico. In 1986 they moved to their home in Columbia City.

A homemaker and farmer's wife, she was attending Columbia City Church of the Nazarene and was a member of Bear Lake Church of God, Gideons Auxiliary, Order of the Eastern Star #65, Walnut Corner's Club and Washington Township Homemakers Club.

Surviving relatives include her husband, Robert, and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by four brothers, Robert, Maurice, Dale and Harold; and two sisters, Mildred and Helen.

The funeral service is at 10 a.m. Thursday, April 14, at Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City, with Pastors Carroll McNutt, Robert Crabtree and Thomas Beers officiating. Burial is at South Park Cemetery. Visitation is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

A twilight service conducted by the Columbia City O.E.S. #65 will be held at 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. For those who wish, memorials may be made to Parkview Home Health & Hospice.

Richard E. Mills, 59

Feb. 3, 1948 - April 11, 2005

Richard E. Mills, 59, of Fort Wayne, died Monday, April 11, 2005 at Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

Born on Feb. 3, 1948 in Columbia City, he was a son of John R. and Virginia Fay Mills.

He was married to Kay M. (Carey) Mills.

Employed at G.E. Co/B.A.E. Systems for 38 years in solder assembly, he retired in 2002.

His memberships included Aboite Baptist Church, Brookwood and Fairview Golf Clubs, Eagles Lodges in Fort Wayne and Columbia City; and American Legion Post 241.

Survivors include his wife, Kay M. Mills of Fort Wayne; two daughters, Angela (Jack) Janssens and Dr. Lisa (Jeff) Holtsclaw, both of Fort Wayne; two sons, Shane (Shannon) Mills and Chad (Kellie) Mills, both of Columbia City; his mother, Virginia Fay Mills of Leesburg, Fla.; a sister, Patty (Larry) Jones of Columbia City; a brother, Lloyd (Nora) Mills of Union Mills; 11 grandchildren and five nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by a son, Ronnie Mills; his father and a brother, Dale Mills.

The funeral service is at 2 p.m. Saturday, April 16, at Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Home Winchester Road Chapel, 6424 Winchester Road, with the Rev. Brad McGuire officiating. Visitation is 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday and one hour prior to the service Saturday at the funeral home. Burial is at Covington Memorial Gardens.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home or Cancer Service of Allen County.

Leininger service

The funeral service for George LeRoy Leininger, 75, was Monday, April 4, 2005 at Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City, with the Rev. Dr. C. James Cress, of Grace Lutheran Church, officiating.

A variety of hymns were played during the prelude and postlude including "The Old Rugged Cross."

The committal service followed at South Park Annex Cemetery. Casketbearers were

Derek Leininger, Josh Smith, Andrew Leininger, John Bingham, Ismael Herrera and Jeremy Bolinger.

The American Legion Post 98 presented military honors at the cemetery. Bill Wheeler served as commander and Dean Ramsey served as chaplain. The color guard included Frank Daniels as commander, Homer Wells, Paul Thompson, Ray Gilbert and Paul Brower. Joe Hare was the bugler.

Mr. Leininger, husband of Deloris Jean (Simon) Leininger and father of David J. Leininger, Danial L. Leininger, Douglas B. (Pam) Leininger and Dorothy M. (Curtis) Bingham, died Thursday, March 31.

Neva C. (Kessie) Greider Spangler, 78

Jan. 5, 1927 - April 2, 2005

Neva C. (Kessie) Greider Spangler, 78, in Norfolk, Va. died at 2:32 p.m. Saturday, April 2, 2005.

She was born in Whitley County on Jan. 5, 1927 to William and Wilda (Grable) Kessie.

She married Leo H. Greider on Aug. 25, 1946 in Whitley County at Troy Presbyterian Church. He

died March 9, 1990. She later married Powell Spangler on June 6, 1999 also at Troy Presbyterian Church.

She and Leo are survived by 5 daughters, Beverly (Gary) Earnhart, of Goshen, Nancy (Verne) Cook of Bunker Hill, Ind. Cindy (Bill) Keirn of Columbia City, Sharon (Ken) Cripe of Wawaka, Ind. Angie (Chris) Kidd of Ligonier; son, Jack (Anita) Greider of Churubusco; 17 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren; four brothers, Jack (Beulah) Kessie, Fritz (Joyce) Kessie, Dick (Carolyn) Kessie all of Columbia City and Bill (Audrey) Kessie of Fort Wayne. She was preceded in death by her parents, four brothers and three sisters.

A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. Sunday, April 17, at Troy Presbyterian Church, 6465 West Lincolnway, Columbia City, with the Reverend Joseph Smith officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be given to the organization of choice: The American Heart Association, the American Lung Association and the American Cancer Society. Envelopes will be available at the church and funeral home. To send family condolences, sign the guest register, or to light a memorial candle, please visit www.demoneygrimes.com. Local services were arranged by DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Drive in Columbia City.



Spangler

Everett Speaker, Jr., 76

May 30, 1928 - April 12, 2005

Everett Speaker, Jr., 76, of rural Kimmell, died Tuesday, April 12, 2005, at his home.

Born on May 30, 1928, in Noble County, he was the son of Everett C. and Mildred (Wills) Speaker.

He married Jean A. Maloney on Jan. 15, 1966 in Kimmell. They lived their married life in the Noble County area.

Mr. Speaker was a retired plant manager for Group Dekko.

Speaker attended Wolf Lake Baptist Church, and was a member of the Albion American Legion and the 40 & 8 Club.

Survivors include his wife Jean A.; son, Everett

J. Speaker of Columbia City; step-son, Brian L. (Sherry) Merriman of Belton, SC.; two daughters, Loucinda L. Hummer of Ludington, Mich. and Alyce (Frank) Kula of Free Soil, Mich.; two step-daughters, Beth (Joey) Stewart of Belton, SC. and Brenda L. (Alan) Johnston of Williamston, SC.; sister, Shirley (Allen) Mogg of Lake View, Ark.; 11 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and brother Thomas Speaker.

A graveside service will be held 11 a.m., Saturday, April 16, at Sparta Cemetery with the Reverend Dan Carlson officiating.

Memorials may be made to Parkview Noble Hospice OR COPD Lung Association.

Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier, Ind. is in charge of the arrangements.



Speaker

Alvord Service

The Rev. Ken Weaver officiated at the funeral service for Sam J. Alvord, 59, on Friday, April 8, 2005 at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home in Columbia City.

Organist, Evelyn Stemen, included "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise," "On Eagles Wings," "Sentimental Journey" and "Memories of You" as prelude, "Amazing Grace" as an organ solo, with "The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want" as postlude. Special compact disc selections were "The Old Rugged Cross" and "Grandpa". A video celebrating Mr. Alvord's life was shown before dismissing family and friends.

Casketbearers were Glenn and Cory Alvord, Jeff Lewis, Bobby Williams, Rick Voorhees, John Lamas, Matt Werner and Richard Smith. Honorary bearers were Ron Smithson, Michael Wright and Raymond Farris. Balloons were released at the

funeral home before burial at Nolt Cemetery, Columbia City.

The South Whitley Masonic Lodge 510 conducted a twilight memorial service Thursday evening at the funeral home.

Mr. Alvord, husband of Judy Alvord and father of Cory and Glenn Alvord, died Monday, April 4.

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Sherry L. Ferber, 39

January 22, 1966 -- April 14, 2005

Sherry L. Ferber, 39, of Fort Wayne and formerly of Columbia City, died at 1:40 a.m. Thursday, April 14, 2005 at her residence.

She was born on Jan. 22, 1966 to Charles E. and Brenda K. (Lane) Ferber at Whitley Memorial Hospital, Columbia City.

She graduated from Columbia City Joint High School with the class of 1984 and Fort Wayne Bible College with an Associate Degree in Christian Education. She has spent her lifetime in Whitley and Allen Counties, being at her present home since 2002. She was formerly employed by Star Bank and Champion Door of Columbia City; Wieland Furniture, Grabill; Master Group, Fort Wayne, and lastly at Construction Control as project manager assistant since 2000. An avid reader, she also enjoyed attending bible classes, photography, traveling, hockey, and calligraphy.

She is survived by her parents; one brother, Steven C. (Tracy) Ferber of Columbia City; one sister, Susan N. Ferber of Fort Wayne; two nieces and one nephew. She was preceded in death by her grandparents, including; Jessie B. and Mabel Evelyn (Steele) Lane and Carl L. and Irma (Porter) Ferber.

Visitation will be held from 2 to 8 p.m. Saturday, April 16 at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Drive, Columbia City. Funeral Services will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday, April 17, at Oak Grove Church of God, Columbia City, with Pastor Bob Petty and Pastor Brian Scott of Westview Christian & Missionary Alliance Church, officiating. Burial will be at Oak Grove Cemetery, Columbia City. Memorial bequests may be given to Benevolent Fund of Westview Christian Missionary Alliance Church or Westview Missionary Building Fund. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home. To send condolences, sign the guest register, or light A memorial candle, please visit www.demoneygrimes.com.



Ferber

Julian J. "Buzz" Briggs, 79

March 1, 1926 -- April 14, 2005

Julian J. "Buzz" Briggs, 79, of Columbia City, died at 11 a.m. on Thursday, April 14, 2005, at his residence.

Born in Burnt Cabins, Pa. on March 1, 1926 to Jesse W. and Margaret Rebecca (Hampton) Briggs.

His formal education was acquired in Pennsylvania. A World War II veteran, he served in the United States Army in Field Artillery. He was united in marriage to Ruby J. Shearer, a native of Pennsylvania, on October 27, 1945 in Hagerstown, Md. He resided in Pennsylvania until moving his family to Columbia City in 1968.

He was employed for 20 years by Cummins Diesel, Fort Wayne, where he was a rebuilder of diesel truck engines and fuel pumps, retiring in 1988. He was a member of the Columbia City American Legion Post 98, Moose Lodge, and Eagles Lodge 1906.

Survivors include his wife, Ruby; a daughter, Debbie Lee Schuchman, of Columbia City; two sons, Kenneth J. (Linda) Briggs of Mercersburg, Pa. and Christopher D. (Darla) Briggs of Columbia City; nine grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren; three sisters, Geraldine Kelly of East Waterford, Pa., Helen Fogel of Chambersburg, Pa., and Edith (Ralph) Locke of Chambersburg, Pa. He was preceded in death by his parents; a 19 month old daughter, DeVona Jean



Briggs

Briggs; six brothers, Lewis Briggs, Herbert Briggs, Kenneth Briggs, Donald Briggs, Robert Briggs, and Glen Briggs.

Visitation will be held 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday, April 17, and after 9:30 a.m. Monday, April 18, at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Drive, Columbia City. Funeral services will be at 10:30 Monday, April 18 with Pastor Harold Klinker, Lake Chapel United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial will be at Green Hill Cemetery in Columbia City. Memorials may be given in memory to the American Lung Association. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home. To send family condolences, sign the guest register book, or to light a memorial candle, please visit www.demoneygrimes.com.

Marcia L. (Middaugh) Schweitzer, 58

July 11, 1946 -- April 13, 2005

Marcia L. (Middaugh) Schweitzer, 58, a resident of Fort Wayne and a Huntertown area native, died at 7:40 p.m. Wednesday, April 13, 2005, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne following an extended illness.

She was born July 11, 1946, in Fort Wayne, a daughter of Clifford & M. Louise (Richards) Middaugh. She spent her formative years in Huntertown, attended Huntertown Schools, and graduated from Bethany Christian School in Goshen in 1964.

On Sept. 5, 1964, she married Nick E. Schweitzer in Fort Wayne, where the couple spent their married lives.

She was a member of the First Mennonite Church, and also sang in the Fort Wayne Philharmonic Chorus.

She was employed as a claims analyst at the former Mutual Security Life Insurance Company in Fort Wayne for over 12 years, and had also worked for a period of years at AGA Insurance in Fort Wayne. In her leisure time she enjoyed bird watching, singing, and most especially her family.

Surviving relatives include her husband Nick E. Schweitzer; her two sons, Todd E. (Kelly) Schweitzer and Troy W. (Aimee) Schweitzer, both of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Carol (Paul) Queen of Huntertown, and Rhonda Listenberger of Garrett; and five grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, a sister, Jeannean Raines; and by three brothers, David C. Middaugh, Karl Middaugh, and Kenneth Middaugh.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Monday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco, with the Rev. John King, officiating. Visitation will be from 2 to 8 p.m. Sunday, and one hour prior to the service. Burial will be at Huntertown Cemetery.

For those who wish, memorial may be directed to Hope Lodge, 411 2nd Street, N.W., Rochester, Minn. 55901. Condolences may be emailed to the

family at sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

Emily G. Morgan, 89

April 29, 1915 -- April 14, 2005

Emily G. Morgan, 89, of Warren, Ind., died at 1:10 a.m. Thursday, April 14, at Markle Health Care in Markle, Ind.

She was born April 29, 1915 to Sam and Ella (Smith) Aiken and attended Greenville High School, Greenville, Tenn.

On Sept. 3, 1933, she married Son Morgan in Greenville, Tenn. and he died February 5, 1990. She

was a homemaker who enjoyed crafts in her leisure time. She had worked at the United Methodist Memorial Home in the kitchen for seven years and was a member of First Baptist Church in Warren.

She is survived by a daughter-in-law, Jo Ann Morgan of Calahan, Colo.; two grandsons, one granddaughter, and 10 great-grandchildren. She was

preceded in death by her husband, Son; a sister, Hassie Brown; and a granddaughter, Traci Todd.

Visitation is from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday, April 18, at the Glancy Funeral Home - H. Brown & Son Chapel, 203 N. Matilda Street, Warren, with the Rev. Robert Bothast, officiating. Burial will be at Woodlawn Cemetery, Warren. Memorials may be given to the First Baptist Church Building Fund, 727 N. Wayne Street, Warren, Ind., 46792, or the American Heart Association Midwest Affiliate, Dept. 77-3968, Chicago, Ill., 60678.



Morgan

James "Rex" Kreider, 70

Aug. 31, 2005

Kettering, Ohio— James "Rex" Kreider, 70, a resident of Kettering, Ohio, died Tuesday, April 12, 2005.

Surviving relatives include his wife of 34 years, Marsha (Cason) Kreider; four sons, Bradley Gene (Marilyn) Kreider, William Allen (Darlene) Brackney, Benjamin Franklin (Trina) Brackney, and Robert Eugene (Laura) Brackney; 11 grandchildren; two sisters, Donna (Ken) Rubrake of Columbia City, and Joyce (Gary) May of Fort Wayne; and three brothers, Martin (Mary) Kreider of Huntington, Dick (Deloris) Kreider of Columbia City, and Joe (Erna) Kreider of Fort Wayne.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Howard and Opal (Salesman) Kreider; and two brothers, Russell Kreider and Paul Kreider.

Visitation will be from 6 to 8 p.m. at Newcomer Funeral Home, 3940 Kettering Blvd., Kettering, Ohio. The funeral will be held 10 a.m., Saturday, April 16, with Rev. Henry G. Chafin, officiating. Burial will be in Valley View

The following service is being reprinted due to corrections. —LB

Hill service

The funeral service for Max E. Hill, 60, was Saturday, April 2, 2005 at Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City with the Rev. Barry Faucett, of New Hope Wesleyan Church, officiating.

Selections played during the prelude and postlude included "Forever In Blue Jeans", "You Were Loved", and "Forever Love".

The committal service followed at St. Matthews Cemetery. Casketbearers were Pete Hill, J. Trier, Ted McClure, Steve Hill, John Hill and Blake Vanderford.

Mr. Hill, husband of Judy C. (Oliver) Hill and father of Pete Hill, died Tuesday, March 29.

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Dr. Warren L. Niccum, 79

Aug. 10, 1925 - April 12, 2005

Dr. Warren L. Niccum, 79, died April 12 at his home in Phoenix, Ariz.

Born Aug. 10, 1925 in Goshen, he was a son of Elmo and Marjorie (Pease) Niccum. He graduated from Goshen High School, attended Vabash College, majoring in pre-med and graduated from the Indiana University School of Medicine in 1948.

On Sept. 25, 1948, he married Emma June Logan.

He completed his residency in pediatrics at the University of Iowa in 1953. They moved to Columbia City where he practiced pediatrics for 20 years at the Linvill Clinic. While living in Columbia City, he was an active participant in the organization of the Opportunity Center for mentally disabled children, was the team physician for the Columbia City High School athletic program and attended all the football and basketball games. He also performed the camp physicals for children going to Camp Whitley. He was an active member of the Columbia City United Methodist Church and taught Sunday school.

He was a long-time member and past president of the Rotary Club and a member of the American Medical Association and the American Association of Pediatrics.

In 1974, he and his wife moved to Phoenix, Ariz. where he practiced pediatrics until his retirement in 1993. He was the physician for the East High School football team and taught Sunday school at the Scottsdale United Methodist Church.

After moving to central Phoenix, they joined the Central United Methodist Church where he taught Sunday school, was a member of the finance committee, CUMC Church Foundation and the Wednesday Wonders. He and his wife were also faithful ushers on Sunday mornings.

His memberships included past president of the Sundown Rotary Club, Arizona Medical Association, Maricopa County Medical Society and Arizona Chapter of the American Association of Pediatrics. He had also been a former chief of pediatrics at Phoenix Memorial Hospital. His greatest love was golf and water sports.

Milner Service

Rev. Wray McCalester officiated at the funeral service for Gene Harmon Milner, 51, on Saturday, April 9, 2005, at Smith & Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City.

A variety of hymns were played during the prelude and postlude including, "Amazing Grace," "Will the Circle Be Unbroken" and "Church In the Valley."

Burial service followed at South Park Cemetery. Casketbearers were Andrew Connell, Alexander Folk, Jim Wiencek, Richard Sheratt, Mike Houze, Timothy Riffel, Jordan Scheu and Brandon Scheu. Bailey Folk served as flower bearer.

Mr. Milner, the husband of Mara (Orszulak) Milner and father of Elizabeth (Tony) Scheu, Alice Folk and Timothy (Kristina) Riffel, died Wednesday, April 6, 2005.

Murphy Service

Rev. David Biberstein of Salem Community church, Wilmot, officiated at the funeral service for Garrad E. Murphy, 82, on Sunday, April 10, 2005.

Favorite hymns played during the service were "Little Brown Church In the Wildwood" and "You Are My Sunshine." Congregational hymns were "The Old Rugged Cross," "In the Garden" and "Amazing Grace."

Burial service followed at Thorn Cemetery, Ormas. Casketbearers were Shannon Rockey, Jeramie Rockey, Heath Rockey, Cory Corner, Eric Corner, Andy Murphy, Chris Heiser, Scott Murphy and Bob Murphy.

Mr. Murphy, the husband of Rose (Wilder) Murphy and the father of Jane (Wayne) Jones, Janice (Fred) Rockey, Ruth (Ralph) Corner, Gene (Sally) Murphy, Randy Murphy and Jim (Vickie) Murphy, died Thursday, April 7, 2005.

Surviving relatives include his wife, June; four daughters, Janice (Paul) Kroekel of Santa Barbara, Calif., Phyllis (Dean) Browning of San Mateo, Calif., Barbara (Patrick) Kyler of Pierceton and Laura (Bryan) Zeigler of Leesburg; a sister, Roberta Pittman of Syracuse; and seven grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the Central United Methodist Church organ fund or the Wednesday Wonders (a group of retired men who are caretakers of the church and grounds). The address is 1875 N. Central Ave., Phoenix, AZ 85004.

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Columbia City, Indiana

Clara V. Hines, 94

April 15, 2005

Clara V. Hines, 94, of South Whitley, died Friday, April 15, 2005, at Renaissance Village.

Born in Fort Worth, Texas, she resided in Fort Wayne for the past 57 years as a homemaker.

On July, 27, 1929, she was married to Arnold V. Hines. She was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church.

Survivors include two sons, Arnold V. Hines (Emily) Jr., of Fort Wayne and William M. Hines (Ruth) of Fort Wayne; and one daughter, Betty A. (Wayne) Haggard of Bluffton; son-in-law, Neil Stahl of Columbia City; 19 grandchildren; 38 great-grandchildren, and 17 great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Arnold in 1963; a daughter, Marie C. (Neil) Stahl; and three brothers.

Visitation will be held 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Monday, April 18, at Tom Mungovan Funeral Home, 2221 S. Calhoun St., Fort Wayne, and 45 minutes prior to the service. A prayer service will be held 4:30 p.m. Monday, April 18, at the funeral home. The funeral will be held 11 a.m., Tuesday, April 19, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, 1910 Hale Ave. Fort Wayne. Burial will be at Oak Lawn Cemetery in Ossian.

Jean L. Schaller, 81

December 6, 1923 - April 15, 2005

Jean L. Schaller, 81, died Friday, April 15, 2005 at Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

Born in Peru, Ind., the daughter of George and Lois (Kline) Rhineberger, she was a homemaker and was involved with the American Legion Auxiliary 160, Roomster, Bowling League, Fort Wayne, and Columbia City Eagles.

Survivors include her daughters, Valerie Schaller of Rhododendron, Ore. and Sharon Foss of Schererville; six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; and sister, Evelyn Adkins of Peru, Ind. She was preceded in death by her husband, Menard Schaller in 2002, two brothers and one sister.

Services were held at 11:30 a.m. today, April 17, at D.O. McCombs & Sons Covington Knolls Funeral Home, 8325 Covington Road, Fort Wayne.

Bratt Service

The Rev. Dale Moser of Gospel Land Christian Center and Pastor Jack Hierholzer of Columbia

City Church of Christ, officiated at the funeral service for Betty C. Bratt, 75, on Friday, April 8, 2005, at Shoda-Wilkinson Funeral Home in Columbia City.

Organist Mary Miller played several selections including, "You Are My Sunshine," "Sweet Hour Of Prayer," "Beautiful Dreamer," "Amazing Grace," and "How Great Thou Art."

Casketbearers were Rodney Timms, Tony Timms, Randy Timms, Kim Hare, Shane Youngkin, Brandon Bishop and Leo "Boone" Molargik. Burial was at St. Matthews Cemetery.

Bratt passed away, Thursday, April 4, 2005.

Heady Service

The funeral service for Evelyn M. Heady, 89, was held Thursday morning, April 14, 2005, at Smith & Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with Pastors Carroll McNutt, Robert Crabtree and Thomas Beers, officiating. Personal reflections were shared by Harold Leffel (nephew), Fred Horn (missionary) and Pastor Wilmer Frederick.

Evelyn Zumbrun played a variety of hymns during the organ prelude and postlude. Janelle Smith sang "In The Garden" and "Good Night & Good Morning" during the service.

Burial followed at South Park Cemetery. Casketbearers were Harold Leffel, Kenneth Ragle, Kevin Little, Otis Junior Little, Jerry Hollenbaugh and Gary Brandon.

Mrs. Heady, wife of Robert G. Heady, died Monday, April 11, 2005.

Briggs services

Pastor Harold Klinker of Lake Chapel United Methodist Church officiated at the funeral service for Julian J. "Buzz" Briggs, 79, on Monday, April 18, 2005 at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home.

Musical selections included "Blessed Assurance," "Good Night and Good Morning," "Beyond the Sunset" with "Amazing Grace" as postlude by organist Evelyn Stemen. Special compact disc selection was "In the Garden." Family and friends were dismissed to the Angel of Hope Memorial Garden for a balloon release.

Casket bearers were Rodney, Nick and Rick Schuchman, Brett, Ryan, Tim and Seth Briggs. Military graveside rites were presented by Columbia City American Legion Post 98 with Bill Wheeler as commander, Dean Ramsey as chaplain, Frank Daniels as color guard commander, with Homer Wells, Paul Thompson and Paul Bower as color guard; Bill Hare as firing squad commander, with Ted Hare, Mike Bellinger, Bill Rea, Bob Hearld, John Slabaugh and Larry Jones as firing squad and Bill Hare as bugler. Burial was at Greenhill Cemetery in Columbia City.

A World War II United State Army veteran, Mr. Briggs, husband of Ruby Briggs and father of Debbie Schuchman, Kenneth and Christopher Briggs, passed away at his home on Thursday, April 14, 2005.

Spangler service

Dr. Joseph Smith officiated at the memorial service for Neva C. (Kessie) Greider Spangler, 78, on Sunday, April 17, 2005 at Troy Presbyterian Church. Pianist Carla Blakley included "Because He Lives," "Will the Circle Be Unbroken," and "One Day at a Time" as prelude and "I'll Fly Away" as postlude. Congregational hymns were "Amazing Grace" and "In the Garden."

Family reflections were shared by Dick Kessie, a brother, and Angie Kidd and Beverly Earnhart, Neva's daughters. Following the service, family and friends gathered in the Troy Presbyterian Family Life Center for a dinner.

Mrs. Spangler, mother of Beverly Earnhart, Nancy Cook, Cindy Keirn, Sharon Cripe, Angie Kidd and Jack Greider, passed away on Saturday, April 2, 2005 in Norfolk, Va.

Services were arranged by DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home.



Gene Burns, following a long-time custom, was carried to the cemetery on a horse-drawn wagon. Mr. Burns was an avid horse and wagon hitch driver.

Lowell E. "Gene" "Burnsie" Burns, 66

Pastor Bill Stephens officiated at the funeral service for Lowell E. "Gene" Burns "Burnsie," 66, on Sat. April 16, 2005, at Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City.

Evelyn Zumbrun played a variety of hymns during the organ prelude and postlude including "Amazing Grace," "In the Garden," and "On Eagles Wings." A pre-recorded vocal of "Wind Beneath My Wings" was played during the service.

Burial was at Keister Cemetery with "Burnsie's" team of horses, Bowser and Prince, pulling the casketed wagon the last mile of the way. Casketbearers were Don Deutsch, Gary Deutsch, Mickey Zumbrun, Chad McClure, Roger Hull, and Jim Rust. Honorary bearers were Melvin Bechtold and Joe Mort.

Burns, the husband of JoAnn B. (Slos) Gulmyer Burns and the father of Brian Burns and Sharon (Tim) Hendricks, died Tuesday, April 12, 2005.

Boocher service

Rev. Lannie Maloney of Thorncreek Bethel Church of God officiated at the funeral service for Marty Boocher, 60, on Thursday, April 14, 2005 at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home.

Organ prelude included "Face to Face," "For Such A Time As This," and "God Understands"

with "How Beautiful Heaven Must Be" as postlude by Evelyn Stemen. Special compact disc selection was "Go Rest High On That Mountain" by Vince Gill. Burial service followed under the funeral home portico with a balloon release in the Angel of Hope Memorial Garden.

Mrs. Boocher, wife of Roger L. Boocher, and mother of Robin Garrad, Neil Gordon, Brian Boocher, Larry Gordon and Tracy Biehl, died Sunday, April 10, 2005 in Paoli, Ind.

Tackett service

Pastor Chad Burkhardt of Victory Christian Center officiated at the funeral service for Leo Tackett, 58, on Friday, April 15, 2005, at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home in Columbia City.

Organist Evelyn Stemen included "Will The Circle Be Unbroken," "Sweet By And By," with "Where We'll Never Grow Old as prelude and "Life's Railway To Heaven" as postlude. Special compact disc selections were "Wind Beneath My Wings," "The Long Black Train," "Go Rest Upon That Mountain" and "Amazing Grace." A video celebrating Mr. Tackett's life was shown before dismissing family and friends to the Angel of Hope Memorial Garden for a balloon release.

Rev. Ray M. Davis, 76

May 29, 1928 -- April 17, 2005

Rev. Ray M. Davis, 76, of Bippus, died Sunday, April 17, 2005, at his home.

Rev. Davis was born May 29, 1928 in Flint, Mich., a son of Fred and Faye (Roberts) Davis.

He was united in marriage to Elnova Williams on May 15, 1948, at the Elm Grove Church of God in Clare County, Mich. His wife survives.

Rev. Davis pastored the Calvary & Bethel Evangelical United Brethren Church circuit from 1963-1971, the Clear Creek Community Church from 1971-1985, and the Collamer Church of God from 1986-1992. He managed and sang with the Jubilaires Gospel Quartet. He worked in the delivery departments for both Mike's Furniture Store in Bippus and the Carroll Furniture Store in Roanoke. He also served for many years as Chaplain of the Bippus Volunteer Fire Department.

He was a 1947 graduate of Beaverton High School in Beaverton, Mich. He received his bachelor's degree from Huntington College in 1965. He earned his master's degree from the Evangelical Theological Seminary in Naperville, Ill. in 1969. He enjoyed fishing, hunting and farming.

Survivors include a son, Tom Davis of Kellogg, Iowa; five daughters, Peg Davis of Lima, Ohio, DeLynn Johnston of Huntington, Michele Davis of Huntington, Colette Wrightsman of Fort Wayne, Lori (Jamie) Tindal of Windom, Minn.; two brothers, Jack Davis of Gladwin, Mich., Keith Davis of Warren; two sisters, Avril Humke of Dubuque, Iowa, Ann Meyer of Beaverton, Mich.; 15 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. A brother, Guy Hillman, preceded him in death.

Visitation is from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 20, and also 2 to 8 p.m. Thursday, April 21, at Myers Funeral Home Huntington Chapel, 2901 Guilford St, Huntington.

The funeral service will be 10:30 a.m. Friday, April 22, with one hour visitation prior to the service at the Calvary United Methodist Church in Bippus, with the Rev. Al Rockey and Rev.

Robert Hanson officiating. Burial will be at the Calvary Cemetery in Bippus.

Memorials are to the Davis Family in care of Myers Funeral Home, 2901 Guilford Street, Huntington, In. 46750. To sign the online guest registry, visit www.myersfuneralhomes.com and click on obituaries.

Ferber service

Pastor Bob Petty and Pastor Brian Scott officiated at the funeral service for Sherry L. Ferber, 39, on Sunday, April 17, 2005 at Oak Grove Church of God.

Keyboardist Holly Parks included selected hymns in the prelude with "Wonderful Grace of Jesus" and "I'd Rather Have Jesus" as vocal solos. Sherry's nieces and nephew, Allyson, Emily and Landen Ferber, shared "Lord, I Lift Your Name on High" with Laura Sievers singing "Thank You" as a vocal solo.

Reflections of Sherry's life were shared by her sister and brother, Susan and Steven Ferber, and her many friends.

Following the service, friends and family walked to the cemetery for a balloon release. Casket bearers were Bruce Lane, Jeff Lucas, Jared and Ben Bennett, Will and Lincoln Jones, Matt Biddle and Richard "Steve" Stephans. Burial was at Oak Grove Cemetery in Columbia City.

Miss Ferber, daughter of Charles and Brenda Ferber, and sister of Steven and Susan Ferber, passed away at her home on Thursday, April 14, 2005.

Services were arranged by DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home.

The following service is being reprinted due to an omission—LB

Tackett service

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Organist Evelyn Stemen included "Will The Circle Be Unbroken," "Sweet By And By," with "Where We'll Never Grow Old" as prelude and "Life's Railway To Heaven" as postlude. Special compact disc selections were "Wind Beneath My Wings," "The Long Black Train," "Go Rest Upon That Mountain" and "Amazing Grace." A video celebrating Mr. Tackett's life was shown before dismissing family and friends to the Angel of Hope Memorial Garden for a balloon release.

Casketbearers were Chad and Ed Fry, David Tackett, Clayton Bair, James and Tony Griffith, Dennis Deaton and Clara Rogers.

Mr. Tackett, husband of Pamela Tackett and father of Joshua Tackett, Dennis Deaton and Heidi Noe, died on Monday, April 11, 2005

Violet M. Lacey, 101

May 21, 1903-April 20, 2005

Violet M. Lacey, 101, of Thorncreek Township, died at 3:16 a.m. Wednesday, April 20, 2005, at the home of her grandson, Paul A. Grim in Thorncreek Township.

Born May 21, 1903, in Fort Wayne, she was the daughter of the late Henry and Laura (Nicole) Heidenreich.

After attending schools in Fort Wayne, she worked at the Edison Lamp Works, Fort Wayne Tailoring and the Tokheim Corporation. She currently had been attending the Sugar Grove Church of God in Churubusco. She was a member of the Royal Neighbor Lodge.



Lacey

Survivors include grandson, Paul A. (Sue) Grim of Columbia City; two great-grandsons; two great-granddaughters; and two great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her first husband Paul Grim, in 1943; second husband, Charles H. Lacey, in 1980; son, Norman Grim, in 1983 and sister, Delia Castle, in 1962.

There will be no visitation. Memorial service for the family will be 1 p.m. Saturday, April 23, at Sugar Grove Church of God, 5019 E. 550E-57, Churubusco, with Pastor Tim Grable, officiating. Preferred memorials are to Visiting Nurse Hospice and Home.

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After attending schools in Fort Wayne, she worked at the Edison Lamp Works, Fort Wayne Tailoring and the Tokheim Corporation. She currently had been attending the Sugar Grove Church of God in Churubusco. She was a member of the Royal Neighbor Lodge.

Survivors include grandson, Paul A. (Sue) Grim of Columbia City; two great-grandsons; two great-granddaughters; and two great-great-grandchildren, who also helped in her care. She was preceded in death by her first husband Paul Grim, in 1943; second husband, Charles H. Lacey, in 1980; son, Norman Grim, in 1983 and sister, Delia Castle, in 1962.

Memorial service will be 1 p.m. Saturday, April 23, at Sugar Grove Church of God, 5019 E. 550E-57, Churubusco, with Pastor Tim Grable, officiating.

Preferred memorials are to Visiting Nurse Hospice and Home.



Lacey

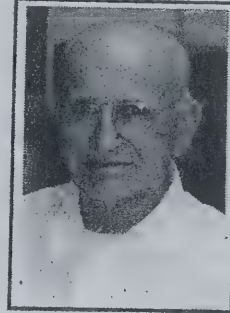
Jacob Wesley Sheets, 89

Jan. 27, 1916 - April 19, 2005

Jacob Wesley Sheets, 89, of Columbia City, died at 3:20 a.m. on Tuesday, April 19, 2005, at Miller's Merry Manor in Huntington.

He was born in Whitley County on Jan. 27, 1916 to Jacob and Lillie Mae (Simons) Sheets, Sr.

He was a lifetime resident of Whitley County, where he was a farmer all his life. He attended the Ground Hog School through the eighth grade and then married Evelyn Dale Sumney on Aug. 29, 1936, at the home of Rev. Marion Shrover, Columbia City.



Sheets

He retired from International Harvester in Fort Wayne, in 1976 after 25 years of service as a mechanic. He was a member of the U.A.W., N.F.O. and North American Belgian Draft Horse Association.

Survivors include his wife, Evelyn D. Sheets of Columbia City; four daughters, Sharon (Keith) Brown of Huntington, Betty (Carl) Bellman of

Bremen, Donna (Robert) Dial of Woodburn, and Cassandra (Daniel) Rhoades of Avilla; two sons, David (Elaine) Sheets of Columbia City and Charles (Charlene) Sheets of Huntington; 19 grandchildren; 33 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his parents; seven sisters, Flossie Rosenburger, Ruth Rosenburger Redman, Sylvia Sheehan, Celestia Coolman, Fern Smith, Netha Ault and Bonita Sheets; five brothers, Loyal Earl Sheets, Willie "Bill" R. Sheets, Ferman Donald "Don" Sheets and Arlo H. "Harley" Sheets, and one infant brother.

Visitation will be from 2 to 8 p.m. Friday, April 22, at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Drive, Columbia City. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, April 23, at the funeral home with Chaplain Joe Sumwalt of Warren, officiating. Burial will be at Nolt Cemetery, Washington Road, rural Columbia City.

Memorials may be given to Alzheimer's research. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home. To send family condolences, sign the guest register book, or to light a memorial candle, please visit www.demoneygrimes.com.

Warren J. Ewing, 58

Sept. 29, 1946 - April 22, 2005

Warren J. Ewing, 58, of Columbia City, died at 10 p.m. Friday, April 22, 2005 at the Hospice House, Fort Wayne, where he was admitted on April 14. He had been in failing health for the past three years.

Born Sept. 29, 1946, in Warsaw, a son of Herbert Cecil and Norma Eilene (Bettinger) Ewing. His formative years were spent in Silver Lake. He completed his education at Silver Lake High School.

A Vietnam veteran of the United States Army, he was employed at Dana Corporation in Fort Wayne for 30 years before retiring in Jan. 2002.

On June 30, 1973, he was united in marriage to Linda S. Baxter. They have always made their home in the Columbia City area, moving to their present home in 1978.

His memberships include Big Lake Church of God and American Legion Post 258 in Pierceton.

Survivors include his wife, Linda; a daughter, Melissa (Jeff) Albright of Warsaw, two sons, Jason Ewing and Joshua Ewing, both of Columbia City; three grandchildren; his mother, Norma Ewing of Warsaw; and a sister, Beverly Mathias of Warsaw.

In addition to his father, he was preceded in death by twins, Kim and Kimberly Ewing.

The funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, April 27, at Smith & Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City with Rev. Tim Kumfer of Big Lake Church of God, officiating. Visitation will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, April 26, at the funeral home. Burial will be at Lakeview Cemetery in Silver Lake. The American Legion Post 258 in Pierceton will present military honors at the cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Big Lake Church of God or Hospice Home.



Ewing

Charles L. Gross, 45

LIGONIER — Charles L. Gross, 45, of

Ligonier, died unexpectedly early Saturday, April 23, 2005, in the Parkview Noble Hospital emergency room in Kendallville.

Born June 4, 1959, in Welch, West Va., he was the son of Jack and Earnestine (Puckett) Gross. He was united in marriage April 20, 1978, in Lebanon, Va., to Margaret A. Hagerman, who survives.



Gross

He had been a concrete construction worker for over 20 years, and was a member of the Rock of Ages Church of Love in Ligonier.

Survivors include his wife of 27 years, Margaret; four sons, Charles A. (Alyssa) Gross, Gary D. (Cindy) Gross, Justin W. Gross and Tommy L. Gross; three daughters, Jessica A. (David) Slone, Sherry J. Gross and Mary A. Gross, all of Ligonier. Also surviving are two brothers, Pat (Vicki) Gross and Thomas (Sherri) Gorham; one sister, Debra Williams of Stafford, Va. and eight grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and two sisters.

Funeral services and visitation will be Monday, April 25, in the residence at 8833 N. 450 W., Ligonier. The family will receive friends from 4 p.m. until service time at 6:30 p.m., with the Minister Anthony Hagerman, officiating. There will also be visitation in Paynesville, W. Va., after 1 p.m. Tuesday, with a service Wednesday, at Noon, at the Tom Sparks Community Chapel. Burial will follow in the Tom Sparks Cemetery in Paynesville. Memorials may be given to the Rock of Ages Church of Love. Sheets and Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco are in charge of local arrangements.

Sheets Service

Chaplain Joe Sumwalt officiated at the funeral service for Jacob W. Sheets, 89, on Saturday, April 23, 2005, at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home.

Organist, Evelyn Stemen, included "Amazing Grace," "Will the Circle Be Unbroken" and "What A Friend We Have In Jesus" in prelude with "The Lord's My Shepherd" as postlude. "The Old Rugged Cross" was shared as a vocal solo by Jarod Dial, "Beyond Sunset" was sung as a duet by Jason and Lisa Dial, with Jason Dial singing "The Lord's Prayer" as a vocal solo. A video celebrating the life of Jacob was shared before family and friends were dismissed to the Angel of Hope Memorial Garden for a balloon release.

Casketbearers were Michael Keplinger, Bryan Casper, Eric and Kent Sheets, Troy Dial and Todds Rhoades. "In the Garden" was sung acapella by family and friends at the committal service. Burial was at Nolt Cemetery, Columbia City, Ind.

A lifetime Whitley County farmer, Mr. Sheets, husband of Evelyn D. Sheets and father of Sharon Brown, Betty Bellman, Donna Dial, Cassandra Rhoades, David Sheets and Charles Sheets, died on Tuesday, April 19, 2005.

Sandra Kay Hatfield, 67

Jan. 8, 1938 - April 24, 2005

Sandra Kay (Polk) Hatfield, R.N., B.S., 67, of Warsaw, died at 11:35 p.m. April 24, 2005, at Kosciusko Community Hospital in Warsaw.

She was born Jan. 8, 1938 in Claypool, to Eugene and Delight Polk.

She was united in marriage to Eddie Lee Hatfield on June 11, 1961, at Silver Lake, Ind. A 1960 graduate of the Indiana School of Nursing, she proceeded to work at Phoenix Hospital in Arizona, Murphy Medical Center and Miller's Merry Manor. She was vice president of Hatfield Electric Service, Inc. and owner of Kay's Lamp Shop.

For the past 35 years, she was also the 4-H leader of the Junior Neighbors 4-H Club. Mrs. Hatfield also served on the Kosciusko County

Fair Association as a board member. She was past Reagent of DAR and a member of the First Christian Church of Warsaw.

Survivors include her father, Eugene Polk; husband, Eddie Lee Hatfield; three daughters, Zella Kay Hatfield of Oxford, Zina Lee (Steven) Juillerat of Larwill, and Zona Jean (Rick) Blackburn of Silver Lake; five granddaughters; brother, Larry Polk; and sister, Dixie (John) Nichols.

Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Thursday, April 28, at McHatton-Sadler Funeral Home in Warsaw. Visitation will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 27, at the funeral home. Burial will be at Oakwood Cemetery in Warsaw with Ronnie Sams, officiating. Memorials may be given to the American Legion Post 49 Nursing Scholarship Fund or The Indiana 4-H Foundation.

Louise E. Keuneke, 85

March 17, 1920 - April 26, 2005

Louise E. Keuneke, age 85, of South Whitley, died at 5:20 p.m. on Tuesday, April 26, 2005 at her home.

She was born in Indianapolis on March 17, 1920 to Harry and Fannie (Geren) Ensley.

She was born and raised near Indianapolis and in later years moved to Fort Wayne.



She graduated from Peru High School. She married Arnold C. Keuneke on September 25, 1941 in Allen County. In 1952, she moved to Washington Township, Whitley County.

She was a devoted housewife and helped on the family farm by collecting all the eggs every two hours during the day. She was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church, and she was an avid quilter making more than 150 quilts during her lifetime.

She is survived by her husband, Arnold C.

Keuneke of South Whitley; one son, Carl (Sherry) Keuneke of South Whitley; four daughters, Ruth Sheeler of Tavares, Fla., Martha (Jim) Nutt of Indianapolis, Patricia (John) Snyder of Antwerp, Ohio, and Jane (Keith) Klemm of Columbia City; eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents.

Visitation will be held from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, April 28, 2005 at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Drive, Columbia City. Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, April 29, 2005 at the funeral home with Reverend James Nutt officiating. Burial will be at St. Peter's Cemetery, Columbia City. Memorial bequests may be given in Mrs. Keuneke's memory to Visiting Nurse Service & Hospice. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home.

To send condolences to the family, sign the guest register or to light a memorial candle in Mrs. Keuneke's memory, please visit www.demoneygrimes.com.

Beulah I. Orcutt, 84

Dec. 27, 1920 - April 26, 2005

Beulah I. Orcutt, 84, of Avilla, and a native of Whitley County, died Tuesday, April 26, 2005, at her home.

She was born Dec. 27, 1920, in Whitley County, a daughter of John A. and Esta Mae (Kreider) Snell. Her formative years were spent in Cleveland Township. She attended Bashill School and graduated from South Whitley High School.



Orcutt

On Oct. 28, 1945, she was united in marriage to Joseph Orcutt. They made their first home in Columbia City. They later moved to Scott Lake and then to Loon Lake until 1978, when they moved to Arkansas. In Oct. 1980, they returned to Indiana and made their home near Rome City. Mr. Orcutt died Sept. 18, 1981.

She was employed at Blue Bell until 1948, then at Essex in Ligonier. In the mid 1950's, she began her employment with Weatherhead in Columbia City until her retirement in 1978. She later worked at Lutheran Home in Kendallville. Her memberships include Avilla United Methodist Church.

Survivors include two sons, Eric (Sue) Orcutt of Mufreesboro, Tenn. and Brian (Becky) Orcutt of Hamilton, W.Va.; two daughters, Nancy (Charles) Schank of Eatonville, Wash., and Patricia (Thomas)

Hudkins of Avilla; five grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and three sisters, Dorothy Grossnickle of North Manchester, Nina Prange of Fort-Wayne and Edith Kennedy of South Whitley.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Joseph; and four sisters, Bertha Lozier, Blanche Metzger, Hazel Pyle and Ruby Dilts.

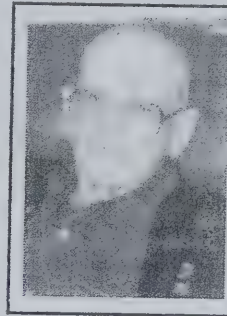
The funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 30, at Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City with the Rev. Leonard King, officiating. Visitation will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, at the funeral home. Burial will be at West Etna Cemetery. Memorials may be given to Avilla United Methodist Church.

Earl Jerome Kaough, 89

April 12, 1916 - April 27, 2005

Earl Jerome Kaough, 89, of Whitley County, died at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, April 27, 2005, at The Oaks Living Center in Columbia City, where he had been a resident since February, 1995.

He was born April 12, 1916, in Allen County, a son of Nicholas and Ethel (Hatfield) Kaough. His formative years were spent in Aboite Township in Allen County.



Kaough

On Oct. 4, 1941, he was united in marriage to Dorothy Jane Dunifon. In 1952, they moved to Whitley County. Mrs. Kaough died Nov., 1978.

In addition to general farming, he did carpentry work.

Survivors include two daughters, Patricia (William) Heinbaugh of Columbia City and Mary (Roy) Rubrake of South Whitley; six grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Agnes (George) Kowalczyk and Ruth (Ralph) Hine, both of Fort Wayne.

In addition to his wife, Dorothy, he was preceded in death by a son, James Lee Kaough; a grandson, Jamie Lee Kaough and a brother, Ross Kaough.

The funeral service will be at 3 p.m. Saturday, April 30, at Smith and Sons Miller Chapel in South Whitley, with the Rev. Penny Mosher, officiating. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday, at the funeral home. Burial will be in South Whitley Cemetery. Memorials may be given to the donor's favorite charity.

Amanda Eickhoff, 97

Jan. 13, 1908 - April 26, 2005

Amanda Eickhoff, 97, of Huntington, died at 6:15 p.m. Tuesday, April 26, 2005, at Norwood Nursing Center, where she resided.

She was born Jan. 13, 1908, in Huntington, a daughter of William and Meta (Brandt) Sunderman. She attended Huntington Township High School and Huntington School.

On Feb. 5, 1927, she was united in marriage to Henry Eickhoff and he preceded her in death on Feb. 5, 1967.

She was a homemaker and farmed with her husband. In later years, she worked at the former Beckstein's Grocery. A lifelong resident of Huntington, she was a member of St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church and a volunteer at Huntington Hospital.

Survivors include a son, George (Barba) Eickhoff of Huntington; a daughter, Anita (Robert Joe) Prout of Huntington; six grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. A son and the twin brother of George, Frederick Eickhoff, died shortly after birth. Her brother, Herman Sunderman, and sister, Marie Harrell, preceded her in death.

Visitation will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, April 29, at Bailey-Love Mortuary. Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Saturday, at St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church, 648 N. LaFontaine St., Huntington, with visitation one hour prior to service. The Rev. Dr. Richard Lofgren, is officiating. Burial will be in Mt. Hope Cemetery in Huntington. Memorials may be given to St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church Altar Guild, in care of Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 W. Park Dr., Huntington, IN 46750. Online condolences to the family may be sent to www.baileylove.com.

Matthew A. Hendrickson, 22

Dec. 22, 1982- April 27, 2005

Matthew Aaron Hendrickson, 22, of Kendallville, died Wednesday, April 27, at his grandfathers home.

He was born in Columbia City on Dec. 22, 1982, the son of David Allen and Jill Ann (Gage) Hendrickson.

He lived in Larwill, Cromwell, and recently moved to Kendallville to reside with his grandfather. He graduated from Columbia City High School in 2001. He worked at Foamcraft in Goshen, Metal Craft in Wawaka and currently was employed at M.P. Steel Company in Kendallville. He loved 4-wheeling and electronics.

Survivors include his parents, David A. and Jill A. Hendrickson of Columbia City; two brothers, Lucas A. Hendrickson of Columbia City and Marcus R. Hendrickson of Cromwell; a sister, Laura L. Hendrickson of Columbia City; grandfather, Richard Gage of Kendallville and grandmother, Colleen Statler of Wolf Lake.

Visitation will be from 2 to 8 p.m. Saturday, April 30, at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Dr., Columbia City. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Sunday, May 1, at the funeral home with the Rev. Rick VanCleave, officiating. Burial will be at West Etna Cemetery in Larwill. Memorials may be given to Riley's Children's Hospital in Indianapolis. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home. To send condolences to the family, sign the guest register or to light a memorial candle, please visit www.demoneygrimes.com.

**Hendrickson****Lyman Eugene Sanders, 76**

April 26, 2005

Lyman Eugene Sanders, 76, of Fort Myers, Fla., died April 26, 2005.

Born in Ogden, Utah, he was a resident in the Columbia City area before moving to Florida 18 years ago.

He was the former owner of Tri-Ad Graphics, from which he retired in 2002. He was also a member of the Ft. Myers Elks Lodge 1288, Scottish Rite, of which he was a 32nd degree Mason, and the Loyal Order of the Moose Lodge 1297.

Survivors include his wife, Marion Prysi-Sanders of Ft. Myers, Fla.; daughter, Deborah (Barry) Gromberg of Ogden, Utah; two step-children, William Prysi and Sandra (Gary) Shaffer, both of Ft. Myers, Fla.; six grandchildren and one step-granddaughter. Also surviving is his first wife, Betty Zumbrun.

A memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Friday, April 29, at Ft. Myers Memorial Gardens Funeral Home, (239) 936-0555. Memorials may be given to Hope Hospice, 9470 Health Park Cr., Ft. Myers, Fla., or the charity of the donor's choice.

Kathleen Yann Freeman, 46**April 21, 2005**

Kathleen Yann Freeman, 46, died of cancer April 21, 2005, at Inova Fairfax Hospital.

She was born in Schenectady, N.Y., and raised in Columbia City.

She graduated from Columbia City Joint High School and entered the U.S. Navy as a disbursing clerk. Her Navy career took her to southern Maryland, where she met and married her husband of 27 years, John Robert Freeman. In 1982, they moved to the Northern Virginia area. She was a substitute

teacher at Godwin Middle School and Potomac Senior High School in Prince William County, Va. She was currently employed at BAE Systems in Falls Church, Va., as an assembler. She was a lifelong member of the American Legion Women's Auxiliary Post in Columbia City.

Survivors include her husband, John Robert Freeman of Dale City, Va.; four sons, William George Freeman and Daniel Eugene Freeman, both of Dale City, Va., Christopher John Freeman of Baltimore, Md., and Andrew Martin Freeman of Virginia Beach, Va.; mother, Elizabeth Peters Yann of Columbia City; six brothers, George William Yann III, Peter Barry Yann, Michael Gerard Yann, Steven Hall Yann, David Walter Yann and Christopher Yann and a sister, Eileen (Yann) Brackett. She was preceded in death by son, Alexander Bartholomew Freeman and father, George William Yann Jr., in 1982.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that you donate blood to your local hospital. Burial was at Fairfax Memorial Park, 9902 Braddock Road, Fairfax, Va.

Wilma O. Easterday, 87**December 1, 1917 - April 28, 2005**

Wilma O. Easterday, 87, of Columbia City, died Thursday, April 28, 2005, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne, where she was admitted on Saturday, April 16.

She was born December 1, 1917 in Noble County, Indiana as the daughter of Hershal Ray and Elvira (Buckles) Wolfe. Her formative years were spent in Noble County and she graduated from Wolf Lake High School in 1935.

She married Glen E. Easterday on March 1, 1947. They made their home in Kimmell, Peru and Churubusco, Ind. When her husband died February 25, 1953, she moved to Columbia City.

She worked for Weatherhead and retired in 1983. She had been attending Faith Chapel United Methodist Church in Goblesville and her memberships include Faith Baptist Church and United Auto Workers.

Surviving relatives include a son, John H. (Susanne) Easterday of Huntington; three daughters, Joyce (John) Groat of Warsaw, Judy (Alan) Hile of Angola and Jean (Jene) Coy of Ooltewah, Tenn.; 10 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren and two brothers, Thomas R. Wolfe of Columbia City and Neil F. Wolfe of Clinton, Ark.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by two brothers, Max Wolfe and Jack Wolfe.

The funeral service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Monday, May 2 at Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City. The Rev. Mike Smith will officiate. The burial will be in Thorn Cemetery in Ormas. The visitation will be from 2 to 5 and 6 to 9 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to Faith Chapel United Methodist Church or United Way of Whitley County.

Betty J. Zeedyk, 72**September 26, 1932 - April 29, 2005**

Betty J. Zeedyk, 72, formerly of Churubusco, passed away Friday, April 29, 2005, as she was comforted by family and friends at her home in Garret, In., after a two-year struggle with cancer.

Betty was born September 26, 1932 in Green Township, Noble County, as the daughter of Floyd and Ruth (Haney) Diffendarfer.

She was united in marriage on July 33, 1950 in Churubusco to Cal Zeedyk, who passed away on February 10, 1994.

Mrs. Zeedyk retired from Compr Care Home Health Services. She was a member of Churubusco Order of the Eastern Star Chapter 136 and attended Churubusco United Methodist Church.

Surviving are companion, Victor Barcus; daughter, Rita (Rex) Harpel of Garrett; son, Rick (Sybil) Zeedyk of San Antonio, Tex.; brother, Rex (Jackie) Diffendarfer of French Lick; sister, Pylis (Lee) Lambert of Holister, Fla.; step-mother, Arreha Diffendarfer of Churubusco; half-brother, Monte Diffendarfer of Churubusco; step-sisters, Oneda Young of Churubusco and Val Hackman of Auburn; eight grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren and special daughter, Linda Long of Churubusco along with many wonderful and cherished friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband Calvin, son Randy Zeedyk and her parents.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, May 2 at Sheets and Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with Pastors Christine Newman-Jacobs and William Claxton officiating. Calling hours will be 2 to 6 p.m. Sunday, May 1,

at the funeral home. Memorial are to be made to Parview Hospice, Churubusco United Methodist Church or Order of the Eastern Star Chapter 136. Condolences may be e-mailed to the family at sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

**Zeedyk**

Valetta Adele Mantle, 79

May 15, 1925 - April 30, 2005

Valetta Adele Mantle, 79, of Kendallville, died at 7:30 a.m. Saturday, April 30, 2005, at Wesley Health Care in Auburn.

She was born in Whitley County on May 15, 1925, the daughter of George W. and Mary Katherine (Marker) Morrissey.

She has lived in Whitley and Allen Counties, and since 1965, Noble County, on the family farm. She graduated from Columbia City High School and on June 3, 1944, was united in marriage to Harley E. Mantle, at Washington Center EBU parsonage.

She was a homemaker and a member of

V.F.W. Post 5582, in Columbia City.

Survivors include husband, Harley E. Mantle of Kendallville; son, Arden Dewayne (Jean) Mantle of Kendallville; daughter, Ramonda Kay (Hugh) DeLong of Albion; six grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; two sisters, Madalyn "Smat" Rex and Betty Manns, both of Columbia City. She was preceded in death by her parents; one

daughter, Vickie Adele Mantle; two brothers, Charles William Morrissey and Richard E. Morrissey.

Visitation will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, May 3 at Demoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Dr., Columbia City. Funeral service will be 10 a.m. Wednesday, May 4, 2005 at the funeral home, with the Rev. Austin Fergusson, officiating. Burial will be at Nolt Cemetery in Columbia City. Memorials may be given to the American Diabetes Association. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home. To send condolences to the family, sign the guest register or to light a memorial candle, please visit www.demoneygrimes.com.



Mantle

Dr. B. Trent Cooper, 84

May 2, 1920 - May 1, 2005

Dr. B. Trent Cooper, 84, of Roanoke, died at 2:55 p.m. Sunday, May 1, 2005, at his residence.

He was born May 2, 1920, in Stilesville, the son of Alfred T. and Eloa Mae (Harlan) Cooper.

He graduated from Hanover College and University of Cincinnati School of Medicine in 1954. On Oct. 23, 1941, he was united in marriage to Dee Cornwell in Hope, Ind. and she survives.

He was the town doctor of Roanoke for 36 years and then practiced medicine with Geriatrics Inc., until his retirement at the age of

82. He was a pioneer in the medical field and very active in his community. He was a veteran of

World War II, serving as a medic in the China/Burma/India theatre. He remained active with his veteran

group, serving as State Commander, and was a life member of the American Legion in Roanoke. He was a member of Christ's United Methodist Church in Roanoke, where he served as lay leader and delegate to North Indiana conference of the United Methodist Church, and as a local pastor of Dupont circuit during college. He was past president of the Indiana Heart Association, board of directors of the American Heart Association, president of staff of Lutheran Hospital, served on Huntington County Board of Health, member of Gideons-Huntington Camp, and served on numerous medical mission trips overseas.

Survivors include his wife, Dee Cooper; three sons, Philip (Lori) Cooper of Valparaiso, Larry (Becky) Cooper of Roanoke and Jerald (Alex) Cooper of Fort Wayne and 10 grandchildren. He was preceded in death by five brothers and one

sister. Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Thursday, May 5, 2005, at Sunrise United Methodist Church, 10125 W. Illinois Rd., Fort Wayne, with the Rev. Brian Jones, officiating. Visitation will be from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, May 4, at Christ's United Methodist Church on 3rd St. in Roanoke. Burial will be at Glenwood Cemetery in Roanoke. Preferred memorials may be given to Gideons and the Kenya School Building Project. To give online condolences, please e-mail ricefun@comcast.net.



Cooper



Phyllis Ann Forbing, 73

April 28, 2005

Phyllis Ann Forbing, 73, of Columbia City, formerly of Fort Wayne, died at 2:45 p.m. Thursday, April 28, 2005, at her home.

She was a homemaker and a lifetime resident of Fort Wayne.

She was married to William G. Forbing, who preceded her in death in 1998.

She was a member of St. John Fisher Catholic Church.

Survivors include eight sons, Thomas (Janice) Forbing, John (Mary) Forbing and Mark (Cate) Forbing of Fort Wayne, Daniel (Paula) Forbing of Leo, Phillip (Laura) Forbing of Tenino, Wash., Frederick (Kristine) Forbing of Auburn, Nicholas (Sheila) Forbing of Lenoir, N.C. and Ben Forbing of St. Petersburg, Fla; two daughters, Marianne (Shawn) Slocum of Columbia City and Laura (Ken) Crismore of Fort Wayne; seven sisters, Carolyn Boyle and Barb Smith, of Fort Wayne, Mary Armstrong of Goshen, Helene Jacquay of Auburn, Rosy Stout of Huntington, Joanne Nesler and Jane Eisberg, both of Arizona; 39 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, William G. Forbing; daughter, Julianne Sumner; a brother, a sister and a granddaughter.

Services were this morning at 10 a.m. at St. John Fisher Catholic Church in Fort Wayne. Burial was at Highland Park Cemetery. Tom Mungovan Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Rollin F. Christner, 80**March 25, 1925- April 30, 2005**

Rollin F. Christner, 80, of Syracuse, died at 1:20 p.m. Saturday, April 30, 2005, at Peabody Memorial Retirement Home in North Manchester, where he had been a resident since April, 2002.

He was born on March 25, 1925 in Lagrange County, to Oscar and Mary (Howard) Christner. He lived in the Lagrange area as a child and then lived for two years in Shipshewana, prior to moving to the North Webster/Syracuse area. He attended Scott High School in Scott. On March 9, 1946, he was united in marriage to Bonnie J. Kline in Lagrange. He was the owner of Christner Milk Transport Company in Syracuse for 25 years during the 1950's, 60's and 70's. From the mid 70's until 1990, he also served as the executive secretary for the Belgian Draft Horse Corporation in Wabash.

**Christner**

He was an avid breeder and showman of Belgian Draft Horses his entire life. He also raised and showed Arabian Saddlebred horses. He was a member of North Webster Church of God, where he served as chairman of the Building Committee for the first expansion of the church in the 1960's and was a former choir member.

Survivors include his wife, Bonnie J. Christner of Syracuse; three daughters, Yvonne Keirn and Bonnie (Gregory) Meadows, both of Warsaw, and Ginger (Gary) Peters of Pierceton; eight grandchildren; a great grandson; two sisters, Delma Sherck of Lagrange and Ruby Rigdon of Indianapolis. He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Lawrence Christner and Duane Christner.

Visitation will be Sunday, March 8, 2005, from 3 to 5 and 6 to 8 p.m. at North Webster Church of God, Main St., North Webster. Funeral services are 11 a.m. Monday, May 9, at the church with Pastor Jeff Boyer, officiating. Burial will be at Mock Cemetery in North Webster. Memorials may be given to the Alzheimer's Association. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home. DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Drive in Columbia City is handling the funeral arrangements. To send condolences, sign the guest register book or to light a memorial candle, please visit www.demoneygrimes.com.

Orcutt service

The funeral service for Beulah I. Orcutt, 84, was Saturday, April 30, 2005 at Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City, with the Rev. Leonard King, officiating.

A variety of hymns were played during the prelude and postlude including "Beyond the Sunset," "The Old Rugged Cross" and "Amazing Grace."

Burial was at West Etna Cemetery. Casketbearers were Dennis Orcutt, Lynn Orcutt, Roger Burns, Roger Grossnickle, Tim Hudkins and Roger Orcutt.

Mrs. Orcutt, the widow of Joseph Orcutt and mother of Eric (Sue) Orcutt, Brian (Becky) Orcutt, Nancy (Charles) Schank and Patricia (Thomas) Hudkins, died Tuesday, April 26.

Kaough service

The funeral service for Earl Jerome Kaough, 89, was Saturday, April 30, 2005 at Smith and Sons Miller Chapel in South Whitley, with the Rev. Penny Mosher, officiating.

A variety of hymns were played during the prelude and postlude.

Burial was at South Whitley Cemetery. Casketbearers were Gary Rubrake, Tom Rubrake, Kevin Alexander, Wyatt Pequinot, Justin Alexander, Kyler Alexander, Dan Kaough and Chris Doenges.

Mr. Kaough, the widower of Dorothy Jane (Dunifon) Kaough and the father of Patricia (William) Heinbaugh, Mary (Roy) Rubrake and the late James Lee (Becky) Kaough, died Wednesday, April 27.

The following obituary is being reprinted due to the memorial service—LB

Patricia Joy Kaiser, 66

Nov. 19, 1938 - March 27, 2005

Patricia Joy Kaiser, 66, of Columbia City, died at 8:59 a.m. Sunday, March 27, 2005 at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne, where she had been a patient since March 8, 2005.

Born in Homer, Mich., on Nov. 19, 1938, she was the daughter of Carroll L. and Frances L. (Powers) Brink.

She graduated from Battle Creek Central, Battle Creek, Mich., with the class of 1956. She was united in marriage to Allen W. Kaiser on Dec. 23, 1975 in Marshall, Mich. and they resided in Quincy, Mich. until moving to Columbia City in 1982. Due to her husband's health, her family moved to Hardy, Ark. in 1993. In 2001, she returned to Columbia City to be closer to her son, Jay, and his family. She was active as a union steward and formerly worked at Essex in Coldwater, Mich.; employed as a food tester at Wal-Mart and a volunteer at the military museum while residing in Hardy, Ark., and she was employed by Hardees in Columbia City.

A member of Thorncreek Bethel Church of God and the women's bowling league at Le Main Bowl in Columbia City, she also touched many lives as a Cub Scouts leader for 11 years for Pack 3082.

Survivors include two sons, Jay D. (Twyla) Millard and Christopher A. Kaiser of Columbia City; step-son, Thomas Kaiser; brother John A. (Penny) Brink of Seattle, Wash.; three grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; several nieces, aunts, and uncles. She was preceded in death by her parents and husband, Allen W. Kaiser.

At Mrs. Kaiser's request, there was no visitation. A memorial service is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. Sunday, May 15, 2005, at Thorncreek Bethel Church of God with Pastor Lannie Maloney, officiating. Memorials may be given in memory of Mrs. Kaiser to the American Heart



Kaiser

Ewing service

The funeral service for Warren J. Ewing, 58, was held Wednesday, April 27, 2005 at Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City with Pastor Tim Kumfer of Big Lake Church of God, officiating. Sons Jason Ewing, Joshua Ewing and grandson Erik Jarvis, shared personal reflections.

Favorite selections played during the prelude and postlude were, "Thank You" by Ray Bolts, "I Can Only Imagine" and "Homesick" by Mercy Me, "I'll Lead You Home" by Michael W. Smith and "Go Rest High On That Mountain" by Vince Gill.

Burial was at Lakeview Cemetery in Silver Lake. Casketbearers were Jason Ewing, Joshua Ewing, Jeff Albright, Erik Jarvis, Nelson Mathias

and Terry Ward. Honorary bearers were Mel Warrick and Dave Walker.

Mr. Ewing, husband of Linda S. (Baxter) Ewing, and father of Melissa (Jeff) Albright, Jason Ewing and Joshua Ewing, died Friday, April 22.

Association or American Diabetes Association. Envelopes will be available at the church and the funeral home. To send condolences, sign the guest register book or light a memorial candle, please visit www.demoneygrimes.com. Services were arranged by DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Drive, Columbia City.

The following obituary is being
printed due to corrections.—LB

Rollin F. Christner, 80

March 25, 1925- April 30, 2005

Rollin F. Christner, 80, of Syracuse, died at 6:00 p.m. Saturday, April 30, 2005, at Peabody Memorial Retirement Home in North Manchester, where he had been a resident since April, 2002.

He was born on March 25, 1925 in Lagrange County, to Oscar and Mry (Howard) Christner. He lived in the Lagrange area as a child and then lived for two years in Slipshewana, prior to moving to the North Webster/Syracuse area.

He attended Scott High School in Scott. On March 9, 1946, he was united in

marriage to Bonnie J. Kline in Lagrange. He was the owner of Christner Milk Transport Company in Syracuse for 25 years during the 1950's, 60's and 70's. From the mid 70's until 1990, he also served as the executive secretary for the Belgian Draft Horse Corporation in Wbush. He was an avid breeder and showman of Belgian Draft Horses his entire life. He also raised and showed Arabian Saddlebred horses. He was a member of North Webster Church of God, where he served as chairman of the Building Committee for the first expansion of the church in the 1960's and was a former choir member.

Survivors include his wife, Bonnie J. Christner of Syracuse; three daughters, Yvonne Kirm and Connie (Gregory) Meadows, both of Warsaw, and Ginger (Gary) Peters of Pierceton; eight grandchildren; a great grandson; two sisters, Velma Sherck of Lagrange and Ruby Redon of Indianapolis. He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Lawrence Christner and Duane Christner.

Visitation will be Sunday, May 8, 2005, from 3 to 5 and 6 to 8 p.m. at North Webster Church of God, Main St., North Webster. Funeral services are 11 a.m. Monday, May 9, at the church with Pastor Jeff Boyer, officiating. Burial will be at Mock Cemetery in North Webster. Memorials may be given to the Alzheimer's Association. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home. DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Drive in Columbia City is handling



Christner

Phil L. Dowell, 79

April 28, 1926- May 02, 2005

Phil L. Dowell, 79, of Syracuse, died at 7:07 p.m. May 2, 2005; at his residence of natural causes.

He was born in Columbia City on April 28, 1926, a son of Lee and Bessie (Pence) Dowell.

He graduated from Columbia City High School with the class of 1944.

On Oct. 10, 1991, he was united in marriage to Dixie Slagel, she survives. They resided in Fort Wayne, Syracuse and Sarasota, Fla.



He was the retired president of Iron Out Corp. of Fort Wayne. A World War II U. S. Army veteran, he was a member of the American Legion and the Elks in Columbia City.

Survivors include wife, Dixie of Syracuse; daughter, Vicky (Tom) Maddux of Fort Wayne; two step-daughters, Carol (Tim) Whiteman of Huntington and Nancy Zoltec of Syracuse; step-son, Bill (Tammy) Ketzenberger of Fort Wayne; brother, Keith (Rodean) Dowell of Syracuse; one grandson; five step-grandchildren and cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents.

There will be a private family service with no visitation at Mishler-Eastlund Funeral Home, Harris Chapel in Syracuse, with Pastor Brad Cox, officiating. Burial will be at McClintic Cemetery in Syracuse. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. Mishler-Eastlund Funeral Home, Harris Chapel in Syracuse, is handling the arrangements.

the funeral arrangements. To send condolences, sign the guest register book or to light a memorial candle, please visit www.demoneygrimes.com.

Betty J. Greene, 84

June 3, 1920- May 02, 2005

Betty J. Greene, 84, a former resident of Churubusco and widow of Kenneth K. Greene, died at 3:23 p.m. Monday, May 2, 2005, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne. She had been taken there on Sunday from Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla, where she had resided for the past two years.

She was born in Churubusco on June 3, 1920, a daughter of Virgil and Ella (Dull) Brumbaugh. She spent her formative years there, graduating from Churubusco High School in 1938.

On Oct. 12, 1938, she was united in marriage to Kenneth K. Greene. The couple spent their entire married lives in the Churubusco area. Mr. Greene preceded her in death on March 2, 1975.

Mrs. Greene was retired from Precision Plastics in Columbia City.

Survivors include two sons, Terry L. (Irene) Greene of Leo and James V. Greene of Fort Wayne; former daughter-in-law, Lynda Pennington of Corbin, Ky.; and two granddaughters. She was preceded in death by four brothers, Jerome Brumbaugh, Raymond Brumbaugh, Charles Brumbaugh and Joseph Brumbaugh; and three sisters, Maxine King, Genevieve Schlink and Helen Brumbaugh.

At the request of family, there will be no funeral services or public visitation. Burial will be at Riverview Cemetery, south of Churubusco. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be made as special memories and prayers for Mrs. Greene. Sheets & Childs Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

Easterday service

The funeral service for Wilma O. Easterday, 87, was Monday, May 2, 2005 at Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City, with the

Reav. Mike Smith, pastor of Faith Chapel United Methodist Church, officiating.

Evelyn Zumbrun played a variety of hymns during the organ prelude and postlude including "Amazing Grace." Granddaughters Dawne and Brooke, sang "On My Knees" during the service. Lowell Druley sang "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" during the service and "Beulah Land" to conclude the service.

Burial was at Thorn Cemetery in Ormas. Casketbearers were Dave Pearson, Ted Hile, David Hile, Adam Hile, Timothy Coy and Todd Ringle.

Mrs. Easterday, the widow of Glen E. Easterday and mother of John H. (Susanne) Easterday, Joyce (John) Groat, Judy (Alan) Hile and Jean (Jene) Coy, died Thursday, April 28.

Hendrickson service

The Rev. Rick VanCleave officiated at the funeral service for Matthew A. Hendrickson, 22, on Sunday, May 1, 2005, at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home in Columbia City.

Organ prelude included "He's Got The Whole World In His Hands," "Soon and Very Soon" and "What A Friend We Have In Jesus" with an organ solo of "Onward Christian Soldiers" and "God Will Take Care Of You" as postlude by Evelyn Stemen. A video celebrating the life of Matthew was shared before family and friends were dismissed to the Angel Of Hope Memorial Garden for a balloon release.

Casketbearers were Terry and Todd Gaerte, Brian Schott, Tim and Jim Gage and Zach Mosley. Burial was at West Etna Cemetery in Columbia City.

Mr. Hendrickson, son of David and Jill Hendrickson and brother of Lucas, Marcus and Laura Hendrickson, died Wednesday, April 27, 2005.

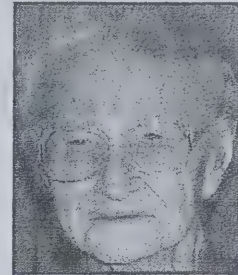
F. Beryl Fry, 99

Oct. 27, 1905- May 3, 2005

F. Beryl Fry, 99, of Columbia City, died at 10:50 p.m. Tuesday, May 3, 2005 at the Oaks Living Care Center in Columbia City.

She was born in Noble County, on Oct. 27, 1905, the daughter of Bert and Nina Lavissa (Mayfield) Weeks.

She lived in Whitley County and surrounding area her whole life and has lived in Columbia City since 1950. She attended Bug Island School in Noble County.

**Fry**

She was united in marriage to Eugene Valmont Alfred Fry on Oct. 2, 1923. She was active in the ministry of the Free Methodist Church with her husband. She was a former member of B.T. Roberts Free Methodist Church and she attended Washington United Methodist Church and Women's Missionary International.

Survivors include son, Jerome (Marie) Fry of Columbia City; four daughters, Jayne Druley, Jeanette (Gerald) Bills and Judith (Kenneth) Hosler, all of Columbia City, and Joy (Harold) Lewis of Auburndale, Fla.; sister, Mary (William) Brown of Warsaw; 27 grandchildren; 67 great-grandchildren and 57 great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Eugene Valmont Alfred Fry; two sons, Jerry Fry and Jack Fry; three sisters, Velma Weeks, Lucille Pressler and Ruth Smith; seven brothers, Merle Weeks, Max Weeks, Carl Weeks, Cecil Weeks, Luther Weeks, Paul Weeks and George Weeks.

Visitation will be from 2 to 8 p.m. on Friday, May 6, 2005 at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Dr., Columbia City. Funeral service will be at 3 p.m. on Sunday, May 8, at the funeral home with the Rev. Norman McCoy and Pastor Gary Brown of the Evangelical Congregational Church in

Akron, officiating. Burial will be at Greenhill Cemetery in Columbia City. Memorials may be given to the Fort Wayne Rescue Mission, Salvation Army, The Gideons International or Washington Center United Methodist Church. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home. To send condolences to the family, sign the guest register or to light a memorial candle, please visit www.demoneygrimes.com.

Joyce A. Gross, 66

July 25, 1938-May 6, 2005

Joyce A. Gross, 66, a former resident of Churubusco and widow of Robert J. Gross, died at 2:10 p.m. Friday, May 6, 2005, at the Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla following a lengthy illness.

Mrs. Gross was born on July 25, 1938 near South Whitley as the daughter of Paul and Dorothy (Oliver) Kelsey. She spent her formative years in the South Whitley area and graduated from South Whitley High School in 1956.

**Gross**

April 2, 1961 she was married in Whitley County to Robert J. Gross of Churubusco. The couple moved to Churubusco following the marriage, and spent all of their adult lives there.

Employed as a dental assistant, she had worked in the offices of Russell E. Gulliom, DDS, in Churubusco for several years.

She was a member of the Churubusco United Methodist Church, was past worthy matron of Churubusco Order of the Eastern Star 136, and was also on Eastern Star Past District Deputy.

Mr. Gross preceded her in death December 29, 1997.

The surviving relatives include her daughter, Kathy Gross of Coppell, Texas; son, Robert P.

Gross of Hometown; sister, Carol (Dick) Kyler of Columbia City and four brothers, Dale (Doris) Kelsey of North Manchester, Keith (Judy) Kelsey and Sam (Carolyn) Kelsey of both of South Whitley and Joe (Cindy) Kelsey of Columbia City.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, May 10, 2005, at Churubusco United Methodist Church with Rev. Christine Newman-Jacobs, pastor of the church, officiating.

The family will receive friends at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home from 2 to 8 p.m. Monday, or at church one hour prior to the service. Churubusco Order of the Eastern Star 136 will conduct memorial services at 8 p.m. Monday at the Mortuary.

Interment will be in the Eel River Cemetery, south of Churubusco.

For those who wish, memorials may be directed to the Provena Sacred Heart Home, Avilla. Condolences may be emailed to the family at sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

Mantle Service

Rev. Austin and Nancy Fergusson officiated at the funeral service for Valetta Adele Mantle, age 79, on Wednesday, May 4, 2005 at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home. Organist Evelyn Stemen included "Whiter than Snow," "The Lily of the Valley" and "Beyond the Sunset" in the prelude with "Because He Lives" as a postlude. Special compact disc selections were "In the Garden" and "Amazing Grace." Family reflections were shared by Mrs. Mantle's son, Arden. Friends and family reflections were dismissed to the Angel of Hope Memorial Garden for a balloon release.

Casket bearers were Martin E. Aron and Michael Mantle, Randall Reber, Daniel DeLong, Scott Geist and Todd Davis with Doug Morrissey

as honorary bearer. The Burial was at Nolt Cemetery in Columbia City.

Mrs. Mantle, wife of Harley E. Mantle and mother of Arden D. Mantle and Ramonda K. DeLong, passed away on Saturday, April 30, 2005.

This obituary is being reprinted due to

corrections.—J.B.

Bernice Kerch, 94

April 5, 1911– May 6, 2005

Bernice Kerch, 94, of Columbia City, died at 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 6, 2005, at the Oaks Living Care Center.

She was born on April 5, 1911, in Jefferson Township, the daughter of LeRoy Ephraim and Minnie (Ethel) White Rumsyre.

She attended Columbia City West Ward School for eight years and then graduated from Washington Center High School. She then attended a business school in Chicago, Ill., for one year.

She was united in marriage to Lawrence August Kerch on April 5, 1936, at St. John's Lutheran Church, and has lived on the family farm since.

Mrs. Kerch worked at Fiber and Peabody Cooperative Elevator in Whitley County for seven years and as an office clerk at Indiana Farm Bureau Fertilizer- Briggs Plant in Columbia City for 15 years.

She was first a member of the United Brethren Church in Columbia City, where she was confirmed and baptized on June 14, 1936, then transferred to United Brethren Church-Maple Grove in Columbia City. She was currently a member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Columbia City, where she was rebaptized on Aug. 22, 1987, by Rev. Richard Lader. She was also a member of the Dorcas Ladies Group and the Quilter's Group of St. John's Lutheran Church.

Survivors include her son, Kenneth (Marilyn) Kerch of Columbia City; half-sister, Betty Ann Rumsyre-Perlich of Churubusco; three grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband Lawrence August Kerch, who died Dec. 17, 1988, and brother, Ernest Wilson Rumsyre.

Visitation will be from 2 to 8 p.m. Monday, May 9, 2005 at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Dr., Columbia City. Service will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, May 10, at the funeral home with Pastor David Mommens officiating. Burial will be at Nolt Cemetery in Columbia City. Memorials may be given to St. John's Lutheran Church Building Fund or Worship Shut-ins. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home. To send condolences to the family, sign the guest register or to light a memorial candle, please visit www.demoneygrimes.com.



Kerch

Joyce A. Gross, 66

July 25, 1938–May 6, 2005

Joyce A. Gross, 66, a former resident of Churubusco and widow of Robert J. Gross, died at 2:10 p.m. Friday, May 6, 2005, at the Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla following a lengthy illness.

Mrs. Gross was born on July 25, 1938 near South Whitley, the daughter of Paul and Dorothy (Oliver) Kelsey. She spent her formative years in the South Whitley area and graduated from South Whitley High School in 1956.

On April 2, 1961, she was married in Whitley County to Robert J. Gross of Churubusco. The couple moved to Churubusco following the marriage, and spent all of their adult lives there.

Employed as a dental assistant, she had worked in the offices of Russell E. Gulliom, DDS, in Churubusco, for several years.

She was a member of the Churubusco United Methodist Church, was past worthy matron of Churubusco Order of the Eastern Star 136, and was also an Eastern Star Past District Deputy.

Mr. Gross preceded her in death December 29, 1997.

Survivors include her daughter, Kathy Gross of Coppell, Texas; son, Robert P. "Rob" Gross of Huntertown; sister, Carol (Dick) Kyler of Columbia City and four brothers, Dale (Doris) Kelsey of North Manchester, Keith (Judy) Kelsey and Sam (Carolyn) Kelsey of both of South Whitley and Joe (Cindy) Kelsey of Columbia City.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, May 10, 2005, at Churubusco United Methodist Church with Rev. Christine Newman-Jacobs, pastor of the church, officiating.

The family will receive friends at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home from 2 to 8 p.m. today or at church one hour prior to the service. Churubusco Order of the Eastern Star 136 will conduct memorial services at 8 p.m. today at the mortuary.

Burial will be in the Eel River Cemetery, south of Churubusco.

For those who wish, memorials may be directed to the Provena Sacred Heart Home, Avilla. Condolences may be emailed to the family at sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.



Gross

Edward L. Frickey Sr., 79

June 4, 1925- May 4, 2005

Edward L. Frickey Sr., 79, died Wednesday, May 4, 2005, at Clear Lake Regional Hospital in Webster, Texas. He was a ~~Purdue University~~

emeritus and founder of the Imagination Station.

Born June 4, 1925, in Topeka, Kan., he received his bachelor's degree from Washburn University, master's degree from Kansas State Teachers College, a doctor of philosophy from Michigan State University and a doctor of administration-higher education from the University of Michigan.

He was united in marriage to Phyllis E. McKnaught on June 22, 1946, in Topeka, Kan. She died Jan. 1, 2004.

He served in the Army Air Corps from 1943 to 1945. Dr. Frickey was a member of First United Methodist Church, serving on the pastoral relations committee; Kiwanis Club, serving on the board of directors; former chairman of West Lafayette Park and Recreation Citizens Advisory Committee; charter member and stockholder of West Lafayette School Corp.; former president of Cumberland School PTA-PTO; former committee chairman of Phi Delta Kappa; former urban chairman and a consultant for the National Association of Extension Agents; former president of the Indiana 4-H Foundation board of directors; served on many national 4-H advisory committees; and a member of the National Education Association, Gamma Sigma Delta, Epsilon Sigma Phi, and American Society for Aerospace Education.

He served on the Extension Committee on Organization and Policy subcommittee on youth; on the National 4-H Aerospace Education Development Committee, National Urban 4-H Committee, Extension Reorganization Committee, Indiana Staff Development Committee, Gov. Edgar Whitcomb's Committee on Aerospace Education for Youth, Indiana State Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program, University Senate, Core Committee and Extension Education Graduate Committee.

Dr. Frickey received a C. S. Mott Foundation Internship to Michigan State University; was named the 1971 Outstanding Educator of the Year from the American Society for Aerospace Education; received a Certificate of Excellence from Flint (Mich.) Community Schools and Past Presidents Award for Leadership and Service from the Indiana 4-H Foundation.



Professor of 4-H youth department and an extension specialist at Purdue University, he was on the staff from Sept. 1, 1966, to Dec. 31, 1991. He was the Indiana 4-H staff state leader for 10 years. In 1975, he moved out of administrative responsibilities but remained on the state 4-H staff as a full professor and leader for 4-H projects and statewide events.

He initiated the 4-H aerospace project and was the first coordinator of a campus wide committee that planned and implemented the Purdue Aerospace Institute in 1990. After retiring he continued to be very active in the 4-H aerospace program.

Before joining the faculty at Purdue, he had been a secondary teacher, coach and administrator in Kansas.

Survivors include three sons, Edward L. (Karen) Frickey Jr. of Lafayette, Daniel C. (Elaine) Frickey of League City, Texas and Ronald D. (Susan) Frickey of Columbia City; daughter, Laura L. (Conrad) Smith of Cranberry Township, Pa.; mother, Nancy J. Frickey; brother, Donald L. Frickey, both of Desoto, Kan., and eight grandchildren.

There will be no visitation. Memorial service is 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 11, 2005, at Soller-Baker Lafayette Chapel, 400 Twyckenham Blvd., Lafayette, with the Revs. Denise Frank and Bob Hanson, officiating. Burial will be at Tippecanoe Memory Gardens, West Lafayette. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation, 1332-201 N. Halsted St., Chicago, Ill.; The Space Shuttle Children's Trust Fund, P. O. Box 34600, Washington, D.C. 2003-4600; and The Imagination Station, P.O. Box 461, Lafayette, IN 47901. Please visit www.soller-baker.com for additional information.

Ronald L. Blackman, 69**July 15, 1935- May 6, 2005**

Ronald L. Blackman, 69, of Columbia City, died Friday, May 6, 2005, at his home at Loon Lake, near Columbia City.

He was born July, 15, 1935, in Peru, a son of Francis and Chloe Mae Thomas Blackman. His formative years were spent in Peru and following his graduation from Peru High School, he enlisted in the U.S. Army and served in Korea near the D.M.Z.

**Blackman**

He was united in marriage to Patricia Guinn on June 6, 1954, following his discharge from military duty. They made their home in Chicago where he completed schooling to be a draftsman and also sold electrical supplies. He later enrolled in the school of cosmetology and earned his degree.



In 1962, they returned to Peru where he opened Mr. Ron's Town and Country Salon and later opened a second salon in Kokomo. Mrs. Blackman preceded him in death in October 1971.

In 1980, he and several business partners founded Masters of Cosmetology College. He moved to Fort Wayne in 1987, and in 2000, to Loon Lake.

On April 1, 2001, he was united in marriage to Kaydean Sheets and they bought out the interests of the other partners and continued owning and operating the Cosmetology College.

He was a founding member of the Ole Olsen Civic Theater in Peru, and was an actor and director of many of their productions. Mr. Blackman was the first member inducted into the Ole Olsen Hall of Fame.

Survivors include his wife, Kaydean Blackman; daughter, Valerie (Ron) Witt of Martinsville; two sons, Greg (Brooke) Blackman and Jeremy Blackman, both of Fort Wayne; three step-daughters, Kim (Rick) Hamm of LaFontaine, Kari (Slade) Freshour of Columbia City and Karman (Brian) Whiteneck of Warsaw; mother, Chloe Mae Gambi of Peru; two brothers, Kenneth Blackman of Fulton and

Robert Blackman of Peru; three sisters, Sharon Dowell of Kentucky, Karen Foreman of Peru and Sally Chalos of Tennessee; and 10 grandchildren.

The funeral service will be at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 11, 2005, at Smith & Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City, with Pastor Phil Blake, officiating. Visitation will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Burial will be at South Park Annex Cemetery. Memorials may be given to the Ole Olsen Civic Theater.

Francis L. Wall, 83**April 23, 1922 -May 8, 2005**

Francis L. Wall, 83, of Huntington, died at 10 a.m. Sunday, May 8, 2005, at her home.

She was born on April 23, 1922, to William and Mary I. Brygider Gurnick in Lafayette.

She was united in marriage to R. Eugene Wall on Dec. 26, 1941. He preceded her in death on April 10, 1994.

She was a homemaker and a member of St. Mary Catholic Church in Huntington. She was also a member of St. Mary Rosary Solidarity, Forever Friends, Third Order of St. Francis and McDowell Music Club.

Survivors include three sons, James D. Wall and Michael E. Wall, both of Huntington, and Joseph G. Wall of Bowling Green, Ky.; five daughters, Mary E. Machall, Ruth A. Wall, Catherine G. Wall, and Sarah A. Wall, all from Huntington and Barbara J. Marshall of Indianapolis; brother, Robert W. Gurnick of Lafayette; 18 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband R. Eugene Wall; son John T. Wall and brother Richard E. Gurnick.

Visitation will be from 5 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, May 10, 2005, and from 2 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, May 11, at McElhaney-Hart Funeral Home, 715 N. Jefferson St., Huntington. Funeral Mass will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, May 12, at St. Mary Catholic Church in Huntington, with Father Paul McCarthy officiating. Burial will be at Mt. Calvary Cemetery in Huntington. Memorials may be given to Huntington Catholic School or Parkview Home Health & Hospice of Huntington. McElhaney-Hart Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. Online condolences may be sent to mcelhaneyhartfuneralhome.com.

Christner service

Pastor Jeff Boyer officiated at the funeral service for Rollin F. Christner, 80, on Monday, May 9, 2005, at North Webster Church of God. Pianist Jamie Culberson included traditional hymns in prelude and postlude with Tammy Keirn sharing a french horn medley of "When We See Jesus," "The King Is Coming" and "I'll Fly Away." Special compact disc selection was "I've Just Seen Jesus" and Mr. Christner's daughters sang "What A Day That Will Be" accompanied by their mother, Mrs. Bonnie Christner. Two granddaughters shared family reflections. "If You Could See Me Now" played as background music for the video celebrating the life of Mr. Christner.

Family and friends released balloons at the committal service. Serving as casketbearers were Rodney Keirn, Greg Meadows, Gary and Gared Peters, Scott Christner and Doug Plummer with Jeremy Meadows as honorary bearer. Burial was at Mock Cemetery in North Webster.

Mr. Christner, husband of Bonnie J. Christner and father of Yvonne Keirn, Connie Meadows and Ginger Peters passed away on Saturday, April 30, 2005. Services were arranged by DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home.

Fry service

The Rev. Norman McCoy, former pastor of B.T. Roberts Free Methodist Church and Pastor Gary Brown of Evangelical Congregational Church officiated at the funeral service for Beryl Fry, 99, on Sunday, May 8, 2005, at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home. Keyboardist Jennifer Graves included "It Is Well With My Soul," "When We All Get To Heaven" and "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" in the prelude with "How Great Thou Art" as postlude. Mrs. Fry's grandchildren sang "Jesus Loves Me" and "Amazing Grace." Vocalist, Maritta Link, sang "The Lord's Prayer," Lowell Druley sang "Serenaded By Angels" and Gerald Bills read the poem "When Tomorrow Starts Without Me." Congregational hymns were "In The Garden" and "Blest Be The Tie." A video celebrating the life of Mrs. Fry was shared before family and friends were dismissed to the Angel of Hope Memorial Garden for a balloon release.

Casketbearers were Terry and Jerry Ward, Jack LeRoy, Loren, Daniel, Robert and David Fry, Doug and Dane Hosler, Kenny and Tom Bills. Burial was at Greenhill Cemetery, Columbia City.

Mrs. Fry, widow of the Rev. Valmont A. Fry, and mother of Jerome Fry, Jayne Druley, Jeanette Bills, Judith Hosler and Joy Lewis, died on Tuesday, May 3, 2005.

Phillip L. Farris, 69

Jan. 29, 1936 - May 10, 2005

Phillip L. Farris, 69, of Granger, died at 9:20 a.m. Tuesday, May 10, 2005, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was born in Noble County at his grandparents farm on Jan. 29, 1936, to Waldo C. and Mary I. (Engle) Farris.

As a child he moved from Noble County to Whitley County where he spent his childhood, graduating from Columbia City High School with the Class of 1955. He married Sandra S. Kistler on May 5, 1956, at the Lutheran Church in Cromwell. He was first employed by Kroger for 17 years, where he began as a stock boy and worked his way up to management. He retired after 22 years of service as a truck driver, then became the warehouse manager for Inlander-Stiendler Paper Company of South Bend, with the home office in Elk Grove, Ill. He was a member of the Son's of the American Legion Post 98 in Columbia City.

Survivors include his wife, Sandra S. Farris of Granger; son, Phillip Douglas (Sharon) Farris of South Bend; daughter, Armentha Louise (David) Dean of Mishawaka; three grandchildren; three great-grandchildren and brother Elden E. Farris of Cromwell. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Visitation will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, May 13, 2005, at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Dr., Columbia City. Funeral service will be 11 a.m. Saturday, May 14, at the funeral home with the Rev. Richard Resner of the United Church of Christ in Kimmell, officiating. Burial will be at Thorn Cemetery in Ormas. Memorials may be given to the American Heart Association. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home. To send condolences, sign the guest register, or to light a memorial candle, please visit www.demoneygrimes.com.



Farris

Ben L. Teague, 74

May 23, 1930 - May 11, 2005

Ben L. Teague, 74, a resident of Churubusco, died at 12:35 p.m. Wednesday, May 11, 2005, at the Byron Health Center in Fort Wayne, following a lengthy illness. He had suffered a stroke in 1995, and had been a patient of the nursing home for the past 11 months.

He was born in Pruden, Tenn., on May 23, 1930, to John Thomas and Vicie (Huddleston) Teague, and spent his formative years in that area. He moved to this area in 1955, lived at Blue Lake for several years, and had lived at his present home in Churubusco since 2001.

He was employed by Portable Welding (Don R. Fruchey, Inc.) in Fort Wayne for 29 years, retiring in 1992. Following his retirement, he worked at Teague Welding in Churubusco until ill health forced him to officially retire in 1995.

Survivors include his wife, Vickie; eight children, Delores (Charles) Markham and John Teague, both of Jellico, Tenn., Linda (Richard) Hamby of Indianapolis, Lorraine (Robert) Caddell of Williamsburg, Ky., Larry Teague, Kevin (Susie) Teague and Sheila Teague, all of Churubusco, and Douglas (Sabrina) Teague of Fort Wayne; two stepsons, David Partin and Jerry Partin, both of Goshen; three brothers, Hewil (Evelyn) Teague of St. Mary's, Ohio, George (companion Janice) Teague of Cement City, Mich., and Wayne (Renee) Teague of Jackson, Mich.; two sisters, Lorene Brown of Jackson, Mich. and Ruth Baker of Tazwell, Tenn.; 33 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a son, Roy Teague, brother, Charles Teague and great-grandson, Jacob Teague.

Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, May

14, 2005, at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with the Rev. Tim Grable, pastor of Sugar Grove Church of God officiating. Visitation will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, May 13, at the funeral home. Burial will be at Eel River Cemetery, south of Churubusco. Memorials may be given to the American Heart Association. Condolences may be made online by visiting sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

Pastor Morris E. Scutt, 92

June 20, 1912- May 10, 2005

Pastor Morris Edward Scutt, 92, died at 10:10 p.m. Tuesday, May 10, 2005, at his residence.

He was ordained in both the Church of the Nazarene and Baptist denominations, and accepted pastorates in several Indiana cities including Princeton, Evansville, Corydon, Columbus, Mackey, Spencer, Connersville and Columbia City. After his

retirement, he presided at numerous weddings in the Whitley County area.

Born June 20, 1912, in Evansville, he was the son of George A. and Clara Anna (Blick) Scutt. The family lived for several years in Mattoon, Ill., and then in Solsberry, where he graduated from high school in 1931. After high school, he played clarinet in the popular Harry Crigler Band in Bloomington, before moving to Evansville.



Scutt

He was united in marriage on Aug. 7, 1946, to Betty K. Eaton, at Corydon and they have been married for 58 years.

He was a member of the Messianic Jewish Alliance of America and the National Watch and Clock Makers Association.

Survivors include his wife, Betty K. Scutt of Columbia City; two sons, Rev. Morris "Bud" Vernon (Cledah O'Brien) Scutt of Bloomington and Paul J. (Carol Davis) Scutt of South Lebanon, Ohio; four daughters, Rebecca A. Ball of Columbia City, Rachel E. (J. Richard) Presser of Fort Wayne, Leah S. (Rev. Ronald) Wigand of Caro, Mich., and Marcia E. (Duane) DuCharme of Columbia City; 25 grandchildren; 30 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; brother, Marion Scutt of Bloomington; and two sisters, Virginia (Ivan) Davis and Betty (Harold) VanOrsdol, both of Bloomington. He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, George Scutt and Russel Scutt.

Visitation will be from 2 to 9 p.m. Thursday, May 12, 2005, at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Dr. in Columbia City. Funeral service will be 10 a.m. Friday, May 13, with visitation one hour prior to service at the Columbia City Church of the Nazarene, 506 N. Main St., Columbia City, with the Rev. Ronald Wigand, son-in-law, officiating. Burial will be at Nolt Cemetery in Columbia City. Memorials may be

Amanda Nicole Green, 10

Oct. 31, 1994 - May 10, 2005

Amanda Nicole Green, 10, of Greenville, Ohio, died Tuesday, May 10, 2005, at her residence.

She was born Oct. 31, 1994, in Greenville, Ohio, the daughter of Jesse J. and Tammy J. (Hill) Green.

She was in the Fourth Grade at Woodland Heights Elementary School in Greenville, Ohio, and was

listed on the honor roll there. She was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church of Greenville, Ohio. She was also a member of the Girl Scouts and a cheerleader for the Woodland Waves. She participated in piano and violin lessons.

Survivors include her parents, Jesse J. and Tammy J. Green of Greenville, Ohio; brother, Benjamin M. Green and sister, Sarah K. Green, both at home; grandparents, Ray and Judy Hill of Columbia City and George and Sandra Kay Green of Union City, as well as numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

Funeral service is 10:30 a.m. Saturday, May 14, 2005, at St. John Lutheran Church, 7418 St. Rd. 121-N., Greenville, Ohio., with visitation one hour prior to service. Pastors Ed Battiste and Chuck Boomhower will be officiating. Visitation will also be from 3 to 8 p.m. Friday, May 13, at Zechar Bailey Funeral Home, Greenville, Ohio. Burial will be at St. John Church Cemetery, Greenville, Ohio. Memorials may be given to Darke County Cancer Association. Online condolences for the family may be sent to www.zecharbailey.com.

Kerch service

Pastor David Mommens officiated at the funeral service for Bernice Kerch, 94, on Tuesday, May 10, 2005, at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home. Organ prelude included "Crown Him With Many Crowns," "I Know That My Redeemer Lives!" and "Be Still, My Soul" with "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" by Evelyn Stemen. Congregational hymn was "What A Friend We Have In Jesus."

Casketbearers were Gary Kyler, Kent Oplinger, Brad Peterson, Larry Rumsyre, Robert Bair, Larry Lickey and Larry Farber. Burial was at Nolt Cemetery in Columbia City.

Mrs. Kerch, mother of Kenneth Kerch, died on Friday, May 6, 2005.

given to Heartland Hospice of Caro First Baptist Church Building Fund, 1535 W. Gilford Rd., Caro, MI 48723. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home. To send condolences, sign the guest register, or to light a memorial candle, please visit www.demoneygrimes.com.

Cindy Fritz, 53

Sept. 15, 1951 - May 11, 2005

Cindy Fritz, 53, of Wawaka, died at 6:35 p.m. Wednesday, May 11, 2005, at the Hospice Home in Fort Wayne where she was admitted on May 5. She had been in failing health for the past two years.

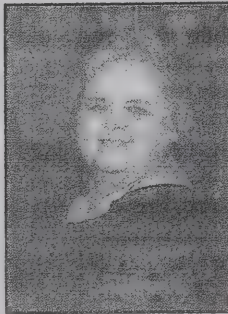
She was born Sept. 15, 1951, in Columbia City, a daughter of Cloyce Lavon and Garnett Louise (Hearn) Burnworth. Her formative years were spent in Whitley and Allen Counties.

On July 14, 1977, she was united in marriage to James R. Fritz. They made their first home in Fort Wayne. Then they moved to Big Lake and later Wesler Lake until moving to their present home in Wawaka two years ago.

She was employed at North American Van Lines for 31 years and was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church of Albion.

Survivors include her husband, Jim Fritz; son, Wilfred Charles "Chuck" (Kimberly) Weidler of Las Vegas; daughter, Julia Louise (Matthew) Brown of Greenwood; mother, Garnett Burnworth of Fort Wayne; two brothers, Cary Burnworth of Murfreesboro, Tenn. and Steven Burnworth of Fort Wayne; grandmother, Ethel Hearn of Fort Wayne; step-mother, Delores Burnworth of Huntington; half brother, Mark Burnworth; half sister, Kimberly of Fort Wayne, and four grandchildren. In addition to her father, she was preceded in death by a half brother, Kevin Burnworth.

Funeral service will be 11 a.m. Saturday, May 14, 2005, at Smith & Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City, with Pastor Dan Barker, pastor of Trinity United Methodist Church, officiating. Visitation will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home. Burial will be at a later date at Washington Union Cemetery in Pierceton. Memorials may be given to Trinity United Methodist Church or Hospice Home.

**Fritz****Perry F. Ross, 54**

Aug. 28, 1950 - May 11, 2005

Perry Frank Ross, 54, of Columbia City, died at 8:34 p.m. Wednesday, May 11, 2005, at the St. Anthony's Memorial Hospital in Effington, Ill., enroute home from a bowling tournament in Louisiana.

He was born in Columbia City on Aug. 28, 1950,

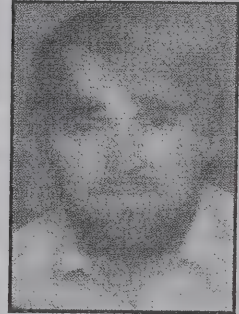
to Frank Alvin and Vera Lucille (Cripe) Ross.

He lived most of his life in Whitley County, and a brief time in DeKalb County. He attended St. Joe grade school and graduated from Churubusco High School with the Class of 1969.

On Sept. 2, 1977, he was united in marriage to Becky R. Warner at Coesse United Methodist Church. He worked at General Electric in Fort Wayne during the 1970s and was employed at Dalton Foundry in Warsaw, in shipping and receiving for the past 24 years. He was a member of the bowling league, King's and Queen's League, and Gilliam Bowling Lanes in Warsaw.

Survivors include his wife, Becky R. Ross of Columbia City; two daughters, Linda Lucille Ross of Pierceton and Kelly Kay Ross of Columbia City; two brothers, Frank Edward (Linda) Ross of Fountain, Colo. and James Phillip (Leathie) Ross of Columbia City; mother, Lucille (Donald C.) Dodd of Constantine, Mich.; mother-in-law, Rosalie Charlotte Deahl of Fort Wayne; and two uncles, Alfred Cripe and Delbert Cripe, both of Columbia City. He was preceded in death by his father, Frank Alvin Ross and father-in-law, Charles Ray Warner.

Visitation will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday, May 15, 2005, at Demoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Dr., Columbia City. Funeral service will be at 1:30 p.m. Monday, May 16, at the funeral home with Pastor John Cummings of Community Bible Church officiating. Burial will be at Eel River Cemetery in Churubusco. Memorials may be given to the charity of donor's choice. To send condolences, sign the guest register, or light a memorial candle, please visit www.demoneygrimes.com.

**Ross**

Betty L. Schoenherr, 78

Oct. 9, 1926-May 12, 2005

Betty L. Schoenherr, 78, of Fort Wayne died Thursday, May 12, 2005, at her residence.

She was born October 9, 1926 in Fort Wayne. She married Jack Schoenherr, who preceded her in death in 1994.

She retired from the accounting department at Montgomery Ward in Fort Wayne. She was a past president of the VFW Post 857 Ladies Auxiliary and a member of the American Legion Columbia City Post Ladies Auxiliary.

She is survived by her daughters, Dian L. (Dean) Hager and Tina A. (Ron) Gaerte of Columbia City; son, Buddy (Linda) Schoenherr of Fort Wayne; 11 grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday at Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home at 6131 St. Joe Rd. in Fort Wayne. Visitation will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. Memorials should be made to Messiah Lutheran Church or Eberhard Lutheran Church of Columbia City. She will be buried at Linwood Cemetery.

Kerch Service

Pastor David Mommens officiated at the funeral service for Bernice Kerch, age 94, Tuesday, May 10, 2005 at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home. Organ prelude included "Crown Him with Many Crowns," "I Know That My Redeemer Lives!" and "Be Still, My Soul" with "Great is Thy Faithfulness" by Evelyn Stemen. Congregational hymn was "What a Friend We Have in Jesus."

Casket bearers were Gary Kyler, Kent Opliger, Brad Peterson, Larry Rumsyre, Robert Bair and Larry Lickey. Burial was at Nolt Cemetery in

Columbia City.

Mrs. Kerch, mother of Kenneth Kerch, passed away on Friday, May 6, 2005.

Blackman Service

The funeral service for Ronald L. Blackman, 69, was held Wednesday afternoon, May 11, 2005 at Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City with Rev. J. Phillip Blake officiating. Laura Corya shared a close friend's reflections.

Tunes from "Anything Goes," "Mame," "Annie," "West Side Story" and "Fiddler on the Roof" were played during the postlude. Amanda Beers sang "Amazing Grace" to begin the service, and Matthew Pulley sang "You Raise Me Up" during the service and "I Can Only Imagine" to conclude the service.

The committal service followed at South Park Annex Cemetery. Casketbearers were Ron Witt, Kenneth Blackman, Robert Blackman, Barry Lewis, Slade Freshour, Korde Mortakis, Jim Corya, Graham Kleespie Jr., Brian Whiteneck and Dean Funk. Honorary bearers were Kole Freshour, Davin Lawrence and D.J. Willis.

Ronald L. Blackman, the husband of Kayden (Sheets) Blackman, father of Valerie (Ron) Witt, Greg (Brooke) Blackman and Jeremy Blackman and stepfather of Kim (Rick) Hamm, Kari (Slade) Freshour and Karman (Brian) Whiteneck, died Friday, May 6, 2005.

Charles R. "Dick" Shock, 74

May 30, 1930 - May 14, 2005

Charles R. "Dick" Shock, 74, of Pierceton, died at 11:15 p.m. Saturday, May 14, 2005, at his farm, after an extended illness.

He was born in North Webster on May 30, 1930, to Pearl W. and Ruby R. (Lewallen) Shock.

He was a North Webster and Pierceton resident his entire lifetime. He graduated from North Webster High School with the Class of 1948 and attended Purdue University for three years. He served 8 years in the U.S. Army as a Corporal (T), two years in active duty for the 18th Engineer Combat Battalion and was a reservist for six years as a demolition sergeant.

He was united in marriage to Marjorie E. Graham Nov. 8, 1953. He farmed in the North Webster area for 52 years.

He was a life member of the North Webster American Legion Post 253, where he served as Sergeant at Arms for 30 years, he coached Youth and Little League Baseball for eight years, was a member of Pheasant's Forever, North Webster Church of God, former member of Tippecanoe Township Advisory Board and the North Webster Cemetery Association Board.

Survivors include four sons, Richard (Melody) Shock of Warsaw, Doug (Jill) Shock, James Shock and John (Samantha) Shock, all of North Webster; daughter, Linda (Michael) Slabaugh of Syracuse; mother, Ruby R. Shock of North Webster; brother Curtis E. (Suzanne) Shock of North Webster and 10 grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his father, Pearl W. Shock and his wife Marjorie E. Shock, who died May 24, 1989.



Shock

Visitation will be from 2 to 5 and 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, May 17, 2005 at the North Webster Church of God, North Main St. in North Webster. The funeral service will be 10 a.m. Wednesday, May 18, at the North Webster Church of God, with Gideon Mike Slabaugh (son-in-law) officiating. Funeral



Edith Rebecca "Clara" Blanchard, 93

May 17, 1911- May 11, 2005

Edith Rebecca "Clara" Blanchard, 93, a former Whitley County resident, died Wednesday, May 11, 2005, at the Amie Holt Care Center in Buffalo, Wyo., where she had been a resident since 2000.

Born May 17, 1911, in Noble County, a daughter of Steven and Sophia Egolf Whiteman. Her formative years were spent in the Wolf Lake, Noble County area.

On June 25, 1930, she was united in marriage to Freed E. Blanchard. They made their home in Whitley County. Mr. Blanchard died March 7, 1980. In August 1999, she moved to Buffalo, Wyo. to live near their son, Dean.

She had been employed at Chamberlain Products in South Whitley for several years.

Survivors include son, Dean (Connie) Blanchard of Buffalo, Wyo.; three grandchildren; three great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren. In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by a daughter, three brothers and two sisters.

Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, May 17, 2005, at Smith & Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City, with the Rev. Jerry Blanchard officiating. Visitation will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday, May 16, at the funeral home. Burial will be at Nolt Cemetery. Memorials may be given to the Amie Holt Care Center.

arrangements are by DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Dr. in Columbia City. Burial will be at North Webster Cemetery, SR 13 N, North Webster, with full graveside rites, conducted by the American Legion Post 253, North Webster. Memorials may be given to the charity of donor's choice. Envelopes will be available through the funeral home at the church. To send condolences, sign the guest register or to light a memorial candle, please visit www.demoneygrimes.com.

Alfred L. Rollins, 79

Sept. 4, 1925 - May 15, 2005

Alfred L. Rollins, 79, a resident of Churubusco, died at 12:45 p.m. Sunday, May 15, 2005, at his

residence following an extended illness.

He was born in Churubusco Sept. 4, 1925, a son of Marvin and Florence (Deck) Rollins, and was a lifelong resident of this community.

On July 1, 1945, he was united in marriage to Martha Rowe. She preceded him in death June 28, 1997.

Formerly employed at Great Lakes Distributing in New Haven, he retired as a warehouse worker at Inland Distributing in Fort Wayne in 1982. In his leisure time he enjoyed playing Euchre, shuffleboard, puzzles and watching ballgames.

Survivors include three sons, David (Sherri) Rollins of Garrett, Larry Rollins and Rex Rollins, both of Churubusco; three daughters, Judy (Fred) Hogle of Churubusco, Jo (Robert) Price of Arcola, and Betty Baker of Huntertown; three brothers, Clyde (Mary) Rollins, Charles (Betty) Rollins and Eddie Rollins, all of Churubusco; two sisters, Carolyn Shelmadine of Churubusco and Patricia Perkins of Bluffton; sister-in-law, Vivian Rollins of Churubusco; two brothers-in-law, Fred Born of Churubusco and Louis Born of Columbia City; 13 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren. In addition to his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by three brothers, Ross E. Rollins, Clayton Rollins, and Robert Rollins; two sisters, Phyllis Born and Letha Born and one great-grandchild.

Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, May 19, 2005, at Sheets and Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco, with Pastor Lane Andrews of New Life Ministries in Garrett, officiating. Visitation will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, May 18, at the funeral home. Burial will be at Highland Park Cemetery in Fort Wayne. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be directed to Parkview Home Health and Hospice in Columbia City. Condolences may be emailed to the family at sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

Curtis L. York, 46

Aug. 16, 1958 - May 14, 2005

Curtis L. York, 46, a resident of rural Churubusco in Allen County and formerly of Fort Wayne, died at 10:57 a.m. Saturday, May 14, 2005, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne. Although he had suffered from a pre-existing heart condition, his death was unexpected.

He was born Aug. 16, 1958, in Fort Wayne, a son of Billy and Shirley (Rudd) York, and spent his formative years there.

For the past 15 years he had been employed as an HVAC technician with W. C. Borchelt and Sons, Inc., in Fort Wayne, and was a member of the Gilbert Davis American Legion Post 157 in Churubusco.



York

In his leisure time he enjoyed snowmobiling in Michigan, camping, fishing and all outdoor activities.

Survivors include his three children, Wesley York of Fort Wayne, and Brittani and Kaley York, both of rural Albion; his mother and step-father, Shirley and Archie Johnson of Fort Wayne; sister, Cheryl (Dan) Claypool of Fort Wayne; and his companion Connie Hall of Churubusco. He was preceded in death by his father, and brother, Kelly Gene York.

Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Wednesday, May 18, 2005, at Carroll Road Christian Church, 4704 Carroll Road, Fort Wayne, with visitation one hour prior to service. Pastor Paul Craig Paino will be officiating. Visitation will also be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, May 17, at Sheets and Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco. Memorials may be given to the American Heart Association or Michigan Snowmobiler's Association. Condolences may be emailed to the family at sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

Patricia Lou Draper, 76

Nov. 14, 1928 -

May 13, 2005

Patricia Lou Draper, 76, of Tri-Lakes, died at 11:59 p.m. Friday, May 13, 2005, at her residence.

Born in Fort Wayne on Nov. 14, 1928, she was the daughter of Royal and Aleda (Hathaway) Keen.

She lived in Fort Wayne until 1955, moving to Phoenix,

Ariz. and California. In 1962, she moved to Iowa, Illinois and Missouri and returned to Indiana in 1977. She has lived at Tri-Lakes since 1978. She attended Forest Park School and graduated from North Side High School in Fort Wayne.

On Aug. 14, 1978, she was united in marriage to William Theodore Draper in Gibson City, Ill. She was a homemaker, however, at one time she operated a snack bar in Illinois and Iowa. She also worked for a credit union, Magnavox, Swank Fashion, International Harvester, Fort Wayne Tailoring, Spiegels and Van Ormas. She was a member of Eagles Lodge Auxiliary Post 1906, and a former member of Moose Lodge Auxiliary and American Legion Auxiliary, all of Columbia City. She attended Jehovah's Witness Kingdom Hall and she was an avid bingo player.

Survivors include four daughters, Sherry Sabatino, Sally Angel and LuTricia Harrison, all of Columbia City and Susan Atchison of Mansfield, Ill.; son, Jonathan Sabatino of Columbia City; 15 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; brother, Lyle Keen of Fort Wayne; and long-time friend, Ralph Taylor of Columbia City. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, William Theodore Draper, who died on May 13, 1981, and brothers, Blake and Wayne Keen.

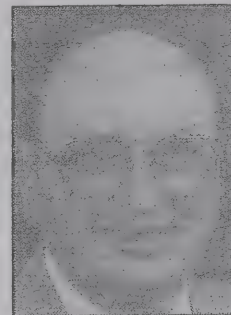
At Mrs. Draper's request, there will be no visitation. A public graveside service will be 11 a.m. Wednesday, May 18, 2005, at St. Matthew's (Hively) Cemetery in Columbia City, with Charles Bollinger of the Jehovah

**Draper****Richard E. Doty, 81**

May 16, 2005

Richard E. Doty, 81, died Monday, May 16, 2005, at The Oaks in Columbia City.

Born in Fort Wayne, he had lived there until moving to Whitley County in 1993. He worked for Cover-All Rental Service where he started as a route man and served in various supervisory and management positions until his retirement in 1985, after 39 years of service.

**Doty**

A World war II Army Veteran, he was a member of Bethel United Methodist Church, Huntertown Lodge 689, F. & A. M., Scottish Rite of Fort Wayne and American Legion Post 47.



Survivors include wife, Edna M. Doty; daughter, Sue (Mark) Roach of Columbia City; son, Larry A. (Shelly) Doty of Midlothian, Va.; three grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and sister-in-law, Marion Doty of Fort Wayne. He was preceded in death by brother, Glen Doty.

Funeral service is 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 18, 2005, at Covington Memorial Funeral Home, 8408 Covington Rd., Fort Wayne. Visitation will be from 4 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 18, at the funeral home, with a Masonic service at 6:30 p.m. Private burial will be at Covington Memorial Gardens. Preferred memorials may be given to Bethel United Methodist Church.

Witness, officiating. Memorials may be given to the Educational Fund of Tanner Harris. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home. To send condolences to the family, sign the guest register or to light a memorial candle, please visit www.demoneygrimes.com.

Helen M. Smith, 89

Feb. 15, 1916 - May 16, 2005

Helen M. Smith, 89, of Tri-Lakes, died at 5:57 a.m. Monday, May 16, 2005, in the emergency room at Parkview Whitley Hospital in Columbia City.

Born on Feb. 16, 1916, in Fort Wayne, she was the daughter of Thomas A. and Frances Humbert Hunter. Her formative years were spent in Goshen where she attended Goshen Elementary School and graduated from Goshen High School.



Smith

On Aug. 22, 1937, she was united in marriage to Boyce B. Smith. They made their first home in Columbia City, where Mr. Smith was associated with the family business, Smith and Sons Funeral Home. In 1977, they moved to Big Cedar Lake. Mr. Smith died July 6, 1996.

She was a homemaker.

Her church affiliation was with Grace Lutheran Church and she was a member of Columbia City Order of the Eastern Star 65.

Survivors include two sons, Thomas S. (Judy) Smith of Fort Wayne and Anthony W. (Marla) Smith of Indianapolis; daughter, Anne (Steven) Fosnaugh of Columbia City; five grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; brother Ralph Hunter and sister Jane Hunter. She was preceded in death by sisters Elizabeth Shank, Rosemary Pangburn and Dorothy Hunter and brother, Richard Hunter.

Funeral service will be 11 a.m. Thursday, May 19, 2005, at Smith & Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City, with the Rev. Gene Rohrer, pastor of Oak Grove United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial will be at Greenhill Cemetery. Visitation will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, May 18, at the funeral home. The Columbia City Chapter 65 Order of the Eastern Star will hold a memorial service at 8 p.m. Wednesday, May 18, at the funeral home. Memorials may be given to the Peabody Library.

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Patricia Lou Draper, 76

Nov. 14, 1928 - May 13, 2005

Patricia Lou Draper, 76, of Tri-Lakes, died at 11:59 p.m. Friday, May 13, 2005, at her residence.

Born in Fort Wayne on Nov. 14, 1928, she was the daughter of Royal and Aleda (Hathaway) Keen.

She lived in Fort Wayne until 1955, moving to Phoenix, Ariz. and California. In 1962, she moved to Iowa, Illinois and Missouri and returned to Indiana in 1977. She has lived at Tri-Lakes since 1978. She attended Forrest Park School and graduated from North Side High School in Fort Wayne.



Draper

On Aug. 14, 1978, she was united in marriage to William Theodore Draper in Gibson City, Ill. She was a homemaker, however, at one time she operated a snack bar in Illinois and Iowa. She also worked for a credit union, Magnavox, Swank Fashion, International Harvester, Fort Wayne Tailoring, Spiegels and Van Ormas. She was a member of Eagles Lodge Auxiliary Post 1906, and a former member of Moose Lodge Auxiliary and American Legion Auxiliary, all of Columbia City. She attended Jehovah's Witness Kingdom Hall and she was an avid bingo player.

Survivors include four daughters, Sherry Sabatino, Sally Angel and LuTricia Harris, all of Columbia City and Susan Atchison of Mansfield, Ill.; son, Jonathan Sabatino of Columbia City; 15 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; brother, Lyle Keen of Fort Wayne; and long-time friend, Ralph Taylor of Columbia City. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, William Theodore Draper, who died on May 13, 1981, and brothers, Blake and Wayne Keen.

At Mrs. Draper's request, there will be no visitation. A public graveside service will be 11 a.m. today, at St. Matthew's (Hively) Cemetery in Columbia City, with Charles Bolinger of the Jehovah Witness, officiating. Memorials may be given to the Educational Fund of Tanner Harris. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home. To send condolences to the family, sign the guest register or to light a memorial candle, please visit www.demoneygrimes.com.

William K. "Abe" McGill, 88

July 9, 1916 - May 16, 2005

William K. "Abe" McGill, 88, of Columbia City, died at 10:53 a.m. Monday, May 16, 2005, at The Oaks Living Center in Columbia City, where he had been a resident since March, 2004.



McGill

He was born July 9, 1916, near Stanford Ky. in Lincoln County, a son of William Henry and Jennie Lee (Dishon) McGill. As a young boy, his family crossed the river into Paris Crossing, where he completed his education.



On Jan. 29, 1941, he was united in marriage to Betty J. Seabold. In 1946, they moved to their home at Adams Lake, moving to Roanoke in 1950. In 1965, they moved to Fort Wayne until 1972, when they moved to their home at Big Lake. Mrs. McGill died Nov. 17, 1998.

He was employed at National Construction Company from the mid 1940s until 1962 when he began his employment with Worthman Homes, retiring in 1984. His memberships include American Legion Post 98 and V.F.W. in Wolf Lake.

Survivors include son, Kenneth W. McGill of Cheyenne, Wyo.; daughter, Karen D. Nickolson of Fort Wayne; seven grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; brother, Robert McGill of Arizona; and sister, Marianna Neal of Crothersville.

Funeral service will be 11 a.m. Friday, May 20, 2005, at Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City. Visitation will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, May 19, at the funeral home. Burial will be at St. John's Lutheran Cemetery in Fort Wayne with the American Legion Post 98 presenting military honors. Memorials may be given to American Heart Fund or American Cancer Society.



Rollins

The following obituary is being reprinted to include the photo.—LB

Alfred L. Rollins, 79.

Sept. 4, 1925 - May 15, 2005

Alfred L. Rollins, 79, a resident of Churubusco, died at 12:45 p.m. Sunday, May 15, 2005, at his residence following an extended illness.

He was born in Churubusco Sept. 4, 1925, a son of Marvin and Florence (Deck) Rollins, and was a lifelong resident of this community.

On July 1, 1945, he was united in marriage to Martha Rowe. She preceded him in death June 28, 1997.

Formerly employed at Great Lakes Distributing in New Haven, he retired as a warehouse worker at Inland Distributing in Fort Wayne in 1982. In his leisure time he enjoyed playing Euchre, shuffleboard, puzzles and watching ballgames.

Survivors include three sons, David (Sherri) Rollins of Garrett, Larry Rollins and Rex Rollins, both of Churubusco; three daughters, Judy (Fred) Hogle of Churubusco, Jo (Robert) Price of Arcola, and Betty Baker of Hometown; three brothers, Clyde (Mary) Rollins, Charles (Betty) Rollins and Eddie Rollins, all of Churubusco; two sisters, Carolyn Shelmadine of Churubusco and Patricia Perkins of Bluffton; sister-in-law, Vivian Rollins of Churubusco; two brothers-in-law, Fred Born of Churubusco and Louis Born of Columbia City; 13 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren. In addition to his parents and wife, he was preceded in

death by three brothers, Ross E. Rollins, Clayton Rollins, and Robert Rollins; two sisters, Phyllis Born and Letha Born and one great-grandchild.

Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, May 19, 2005, at Sheets and Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco, with Pastor Lane Andrews of New Life Ministries in Garrett, officiating. Visitation will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home. Burial will be at Highland Park Cemetery in Fort Wayne. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be directed to Parkview Home Health and Hospice in Columbia City. Condolences may be emailed to the family at sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

Scutt service

The Rev. Ronald Wigand officiated at the funeral service for Rev. Morris E. Scutt, 92, on Friday, May 13, 2005, at Columbia City Church of the Nazarene. Organist Evelyn Stemen included "A Mighty Fortress is Our God," "O That Will Be Glory" and "Jesus Took My Burden" in the prelude with "Peace Perfect Peace" as postlude. Congregational hymns were "Blessed Assurance" and "The Solid Rock." Rev. Morris "Bud" Scutt, son, sang a vocal solo with Rob Wacker, grandson, reading Phillipians Chapter 4. Grandchildren and great-grandchildren shared family tributes.

Casketbearers were Patrick, Brian and Phillip Ball, Matthew Scutt, Paul and Nathan Wigand and Eric and Ian Heuer. Honorary bearers were Brandon Barnes, Spencer DuCharme, Rich, Steve, John and Phil Presser. Burial was at Nolt Cemetery in Columbia City.

Rev. Scutt, husband of Betty Scutt and father of Rev. Morris "Bud" and Paul Scutt, Becky Ball, Rachel Presser, Leah Wigand and Marcia DuCharme, died Tuesday, May 10, 2005.

Services were arranged by DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home.

Harmon P. Murbach, 95

July 13, 1909 - May 19, 2005

Harmon Paul Murbach, 95, prominent retired Roanoke banker, died at 12:50 a.m. Thursday, May 19, 2005, at the Parkview Whitley Hospital.

He was born on July 13, 1909 in Jefferson Township, a son of Frank and Maude Schrader Murbach.

After graduating from Jefferson Center High School, he earned a business degree from the International Business College of Fort Wayne.

**Murbach**

On May 30, 1937, he was united in marriage to Helen M. Wolfangle and they spent their married life in Columbia City. She preceded him in death on January 25, 1986. In 1988, he was married to Velma Freck Pequignot and they have always resided in Columbia City.

Prior to 1949, he was employed at Citizen's State Bank in Columbia City and later worked as a state bank examiner. In 1949, he helped found the Roanoke State Bank in Roanoke which he owned and managed for many years. Later the bank was sold to the Huntington First National Bank and he continued to serve as the president of the Roanoke Branch until his retirement in 1987.

He was a member of the Columbia City United Methodist Church, Columbia City Eagles Lodge and the Elks Lodge. He was widely recognized for his community involvement and support in the Roanoke and Columbia City communities. He enjoyed playing euchre and spending time with his family and friends.

Survivors include his wife, Velma; two daughters, Joy (David) Heinbaugh and Linda (Jack) Sevier, both of Columbia City; three step-sons, Lynn Pequignot of Fort Wayne, Larry Pequignot of Schaumburg, Ill., Lowell Pequignot of Arizona; five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral service will be 11 a.m. Monday, May 23, 2005, at Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City, with Dr. C. Jack Scott, pastor of Columbia City United Methodist Church officiating. Visitation will be from 2 to 6 p.m. Sunday, May 22, at the funeral home. Burial will be at Oak Grove Cemetery. Memorials may be given to the Whitley County Community Foundation. To send condolences, please visit

www.smithandsonsfuneralhome.com/obitd.

Cherie Kay Bowles, 49

June 14, 1955 - May 17, 2005

Cherie K. Bowles, 49, of Etna Green, formerly of Churubusco, died at 8:27 p.m. Tuesday, May 17, 2005, at Madison Health Care Center in Warsaw.

She was born in Fort Wayne on June 14, 1955, to Norman E. and Mary Jane (Boggs) Bowles.

She was a resident of the ResCare group home in Etna Green and she attended school at the Cardinal Center in Warsaw.

Survivors include sister, Carol (B. Preston) Yarber of Lima, Ohio; father and step-mother, Norman (Lee) Bowles of Palm Springs, Calif.; half-brother, Marck Bowles of Palm Springs, Calif.; aunt, Elenor Boggs of Columbia City and uncle, Frank (Cheryl) Boggs of Columbia City. She was preceded in death by her mother, Mary Jane Trimmer; maternal grandparents, Thomas and Mary Boggs of Columbia City; uncle, James Boggs and aunt, Martha (Boggs) Hicks.

At Mrs. Bowle's request, there will be no visitation. A remembrance service will be at 1 p.m. Sunday, June 26, 2005, at Greenhill Cemetery in Columbia City. Memorials may be given to ResCare, 8309 Lima Rd., Fort Wayne, IN 46818-2170. Envelopes are available at the funeral home. To light a memorial candle, please visit www.demoneygrimes.com. Services were arranged by DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Dr. in Columbia City.

Marilyn Sue Elkins, 69

March 22, 1936- May 21, 2005

Marilyn Sue Elkins, 69, of Columbia City, died at 3:39 a.m. Friday, May 20, 2005 at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was born March 22, 1936 to Harold J. and Lenora M. (Nott) Fritz of Noble County.

She attended Coesse School and she received her high school GED in 1993. She was raised in Kendallville and moved to Columbia City in 1951 where she was united in marriage to Robert Louis Elkins on October 3, 1954 at Oak Grove Church of God. She was a member of the Nu Theta Chapter of Sigma Phi Gamma Sorority, Moose Lodge Auxiliary, Columbia City and a former member of the Eagles Lodge Auxiliary. A homemaker, wife and mother, she cared for many area children in her home and her hobbies included crafts and cooking.

Among survivors are her husband, Robert Elkins of Columbia City; sons, Dennis (Debra) Elkins and Stephen P. (Jill) Elkins both of Columbia City; brother, Dean D. (Donna) Fritz of Murfreesboro, Tenn., six grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a son, Kenneth Eugene Elkins; three brothers, Richard M. Charles and Keith Fritz and two sisters, Ilene and Nancy J. Fritz.

Visitation will be held from 2 to 8 p.m. Sunday May 22, 2005 at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home in Columbia City. Funeral services will be held at 1:30 p.m. Monday at the funeral home with Pastor Karen Biddle of West Point Trinity United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will be at Oak Grove (Compton) Cemetery in Columbia City. Memorials may be given in memory of Mrs. Elkins to the American Heart Association. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home. To send family condolences, sign the guest register or to light a memorial candle in memory of Mrs. Elkins, please visit www.demoneygrimes.com.



Elkins

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Harold E. Pequignot, 96

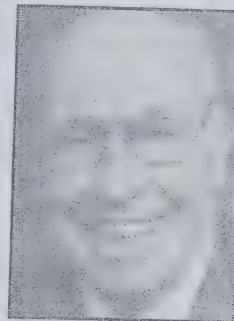
Dec. 26, 1909 - May 18, 2005

Harold E. Pequignot, 96, of Columbia City and formerly of Roanoke, died at 11:45 a.m. Wednesday, May 18, 2005, at Miller's Merry Manor in Columbia City. He was a farmer and member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Roanoke.

Born Dec. 26, 1909 in Whitley County, he was the son of William and Cecelia (Hine) Pequignot. On May 8, 1934, he was united in marriage to Dorothy L. Cline in Roanoke, and she survives. On Sunday, May 8, 2005, they celebrated their 71st anniversary.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by five sons, David A. (Gloria) Pequignot, Donald E. (Sharon) Pequignot, Joseph P. (Linda) Pequignot, all of Columbia City, Steven R. (Erma) Pequignot of Laud and Kevin M. (Pamela) Pequignot of Churubusco; three daughters, Betty L. (Larry) Edwards of Albion, Helen R. (Jay) Hallead of Huntington and Mary A. (Hal) Wright of Pierceton; two brothers, James Pequignot of Columbia City and William Pequignot of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Mary Hinen of Columbia City and Martha Trahin of Arcola; 42 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild. He was preceded in death by sister, Marietta Hinen; brother, Paul Pequignot; daughter-in-law, Linda Pequignot and two grandchildren, Wade and Carrie Pequignot.

Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Saturday, May 21, 2005, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Roanoke, with father Kenneth Sarrazine officiating. Burial will be at St. Joseph's Catholic Cemetery in Roanoke. Visitation will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, May 20, at the Roanoke Chapel of Deal-Rice & Van Gilder Funeral Homes, 240 Crestwood Dr., Roanoke, with a vigil



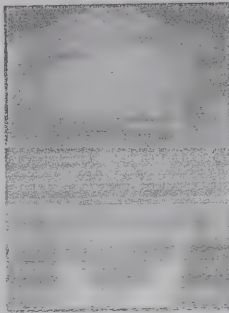
Pequignot

Ralph F. Bianski, 81

Sept. 5, 1923 - May 20, 2005

Ralph F. Bianski, 81, a resident of rural LaOtto at Ege, died at 10:45 a.m. Friday, May 20, 2005, at the family residence in Ege. He had been in declining health for some time, and had been seriously ill for the past several months.

He was born in Ege on Sept. 5, 1923, a son of Frank Joseph and Leona (Richards) Bianski, and spent his formative years there. As a young man, he served with the U.S. Army Air Corp. during World War II, and was married in Ege June 26, 1943, to Mary Louise "Suzy" Mappel. The couple spent nearly all of their married lives in Ege.



Bianski

Retiring

as a supervisor in 1990 from Dana Corporation in Fort Wayne after 33 1/2 years, he had also been engaged in farming in Swan Township and served as the sexton of the Ege Catholic Church in

Noble County for 32 years.

He was a member of the Immaculate Conception Church at Ege, where he served in several administrative capacities. He was also a member of the Knights of Columbus in Garrett, it's 4th Degree Mother Theresa Assembly and the American Legion Post 499 in Fort Wayne.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Louise "Suzy" Bianski, to whom he was married for over 56 years; three sons, Philip (Brenda) Bianski and John (Sue) Bianski, both of LaOtto, and Nick (Yvonne) Bianski of Churubusco; four daughters, Tina (Dave) Macy, Jody (Stan) Ward and Sara (Garry) Polakovic, all of LaOtto and Mariann Peters of Churubusco; three brothers, Richard "Paul" (Pat) Bianski of Wentzville, Mo., James (Phyllis) Bianski of LaOtto and Frances "Jr." (Janet) Bianski of Churubusco; 25 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his three sisters, Helen Kosnielney, Catherine Miller and Joan Gienger.

Larry C. Sievers, 64

May 13, 1941 - May 20, 2005

Larry C. Sievers, 64, of Columbia City, died at

4:25 p.m. Friday, May 20, 2005, at his residence.

He was born in Fort Wayne May 13, 1941, the son of Elmer and Gertrude (Blanchard) Sievers. He spent his formative years in Whitley County. He was a sandblaster and painter for Steeple Jack, retiring in 1978. He served in the U.S. Army.

Survivors include two sons, Carl Sievers of Rochester, N.Y. and Larry Yager of Fort Wayne; two daughters, Dody Sievers and Jamie (Jessie) Strickland, both of Rochester, N.Y.; brother, Richard Sievers of Fort Wayne and four grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral service is 10 a.m. Tuesday, May 24, 2005, at Shoda-Wilkinson Funeral Home, 116 S. Line St., Columbia City, with Per Guldbeck of Grace Christian Church, officiating. Visitation will be from 6 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home. Burial will be at Oak Grove Cemetery. Memorials may be given to Allen County Jail Chaplaincy.

Burial was at Mentone Cemetery. Memorials may be given to the American Heart Association, Mentone United Methodist Church or Kosciusko County Hospice.



Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Tuesday, May 24, 2005, at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church at Ege with Father Danney Pinto officiating. Visitation will be from 2 to 8 p.m. today at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco. The Rosary will be recited at 8 p.m. at the mortuary. Burial will be

at Ege Catholic Cemetery in Noble County. Memorials may be given to Masses, Gibault School for Boys in Terra Haute, or Parkview Home Health Hospice in Columbia City. Condolences may be emailed to the family at sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

Sandra K. (Wysong) Shepherd, 66

Oct. 10, 1938 - May 20, 2005

Sandra K. (Wysong) Shepherd, 66, of Ligonier, died at 4:45 p.m. Friday, May 20, 2005, at her residence.

She was born Oct. 10, 1938, in LaGrange County, the daughter of Kenneth Leroy and Virginia Lucille (DePew) Wysong, and was a lifelong area resident.

On Jan. 12, 1974, she was united in marriage to Arnold Shepherd in Ligonier.



Shepherd

She was a secretary in the City of Ligonier Clerk's office. She had previously been employed by Essex Wire, American State Bank and Kreager Brothers. She was a member of Ligonier Presbyterian Church, where she had been a member of the Presbyterian Women's Association and had also taught Sunday School. She was also a Past Worthy Advisor for Ligonier Rainbow Girls and had been a Lady Elk.

Survivors include husband, Arnold Shepherd of Ligonier; mother, Lucille Wysong of Ligonier; son, Johnny (Kara) Farlow of Ligonier; stepsons, Darrell (Jennifer) Shepherd of Warsaw and Bernard (Betty) Shepherd of Topeka; daughter, Holly (Kevin) Ratliff of Ligonier; step-daughter, Sharon (Fred) Miller of Akron; brother, Laird (Katie) Wysong of Kendallville; sister, Rhea (Kenny) Morris of Syracuse; six grandchildren; seven step-grandchildren and 3 step-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her father.

Funeral service will be 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, May 24, 2005, at Ligonier Presbyterian Church. Visitation will be from 3 to 8 p.m. today at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, 705 S. Main St., Ligonier, with the Rev. Stanley Wilson officiating. Burial will be at Oak Park Cemetery. Memorials may be given to Sandy Shepherd Memorial Fund c/o Noble County Community Foundation.

Richard D. Dickerhoff, 75

Aug. 29, 1929 - May 20, 2005

Richard D. Dickerhoff, 75, of Mentone, died at 11:25 a.m. Friday, May 20, 2005, at his residence. He had been in failing health for several months.

Born at Silver Lake on Aug. 29, 1929, he was the son of Devon and Helen (Opple) Dickerhoff. He was a lifelong area resident.



On March 1, 1952, he was united in marriage to Iris V. Jones, who survives.

He was the owner of Dickerhoff Trucking, specializing in long distance livestock hauling. He was the co-founder of TTP Incorporated of Pierceton. He was also a lifelong farmer and cattleman. He was a Veteran of the Korean War. He was a member of the Mentone United Methodist Church, Elks Lodge and Moose Lodge of Warsaw, American Legion Post 49 of Warsaw, the John Purdue Club, and was a Loyal Valley Viking fan.

Survivors include his wife, Iris V. Dickerhoff of Mentone; two daughters, Amy Dickerhoff of Mentone and Alicia (Dean) Cervenka of Lafayette; two sons, Don A. Dickerhoff and Doug R. (Kelly) Dickerhoff, both of Warsaw; six grandchildren and sister, Virginia (Carl) Heisler of Claypool. He was preceded in death by his parents; and a son, Dan Dickerhoff, who died in 1963.

Funeral service was at 10:30 a.m. today at King Memorial Home in Mentone, with the Revs. Doris Smith and Don Poyser officiating.

Draper service

Charles Bolinger officiated at the graveside service for Patricia L. Draper, 76, on Wednesday, May 18, 2005, at St. Matthew's (Hively) Cemetery in rural Columbia City. Following the committal service, friends and family participated in a ceremony releasing balloons and then returned to the funeral home community room for a family luncheon.

Mrs. Draper, mother of Sherry Sabatino, Sally Angel, Susan Atchison, LuTricia Harris and Jonathan Sabatino, died at her home on Friday, May 13, 2005.

Services were arranged by DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home In Columbia City.

Shock service

Mike Slabaugh, a Gideon and son-in-law, officiated at the funeral service for Charles R. "Dick" Shock, 74, on Wednesday, May 18, 2005, at North Webster Church of God. Organist and pianist, Pauline White and Gladys Culver, included traditional hymns in the prelude and postlude. Mr. Shock's granddaughters, Amanda, Cassie and Kristi Shock, shared a vocal trio of "When God Dips His Pen Of Love In My Heart" and Cassie Shock sang a vocal solo of "If You Could See Me Now." Special compact disc selection of "Where Corn Don't Grow" by Travis Tritt was also played. A video celebrating the life of Mr. Shock was shared before family and friends were dismissed.

Casketbearers were Richard, Doug, James, John and Heath Shock and David Slabaugh. Graveside military rites were conducted by North Webster American Legion Post 253. Burial was at North Webster Cemetery in North Webster.

Mr. Shock, father of Richard, Doug, James, and John Shock, and Linda Slabaugh, died Saturday, May 14, 2005.

Sadie Fowler, 77

July 28, 1927- May 22, 2005

Sadie Fowler, 77, a resident of Columbia City, died at 4 p.m. Sunday, May 22, 2005, at the Parkview Whitley Hospital in Columbia City, where she was admitted on Wednesday, May 17.

She was born July 28, 1927, in Pineville, Ky., a daughter of Murph and Mary (Davis) Miracle. Her formative years were spent in Pineville.

On June 20, 1953, she was united in marriage to William E. Fowler. They made their home in Fort Wayne until Dec. 1958, when they moved to a farm in Jefferson

Township. Mr. Fowler died June 2, 1994.

A homemaker, she was a member of Waterloo Freewill Baptist Church and active in its women's groups.

Survivors include two sons, Wallace R. Fowler of Albion and Donald R. Fowler of Columbia City; three grandchildren; four great-grandchildren and sister, Dovie Davis of Pineville, Ky. In addition to her husband, William E. Fowler, she was preceded in death by three sisters and two brothers.

The funeral service will be 10 a.m. Wednesday, May 25, 2005, at Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City, with Paster Ron Stambaugh, pastor of Waterloo Freewill Baptist Church officiating. Burial will be at Jefferson Chapel Cemetery. Visitation will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.



Fowler

Quinton S. Vires, 67

Nov. 22, 1937 - May 21, 2005

Quinton S. Vires, 67, of Columbia City, died at 3:00 a.m. Saturday, May 21, 2005, at his residence.

He was born in Jackson, Ky. on Nov. 22, 1937, a son of George and Stella (Burton) Vires. He lived most of his life in Warsaw, Pierceton and in the lake areas of Indiana.

On July 7, 1962, he was united in marriage to Nawasa Shepherd in West Liberty, Ky.

He was a truck driver for Woody Everly and Son Trucking Co. and a member of the National Rifle Association.

Survivors include his wife, Nawasa Vires of Columbia City; two step-daughters, Debra Jane Matthews of Columbia, S.C. and Pamela Sue

Hotte of North Charleston, S.C.; step-son, Claude LeRoy Wood of Sydney; brother, Daniel Vires of Warsaw; five sisters, Lorena Graham of Eaton, Ohio, Altonia Conley of Columbia City, Norma Jean Sleeth of Claypool, Stella Jo Hyden of Prestonburg, Ky., Creola Conley of Plymouth; and 10 step-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two sisters, Georgia Babcock and Marie Vires and step-son, Mark Kelley Wood.

Funeral service will be 1:00 p.m. Friday, May 27, 2005, at McHatton-Sadler Funeral Chapel, 2290 Provident Court, Warsaw, with Pastor Rick Pride officiating. Visitation will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, May 26, at the funeral chapel. Burial will be at Oakwood Cemetery in Warsaw. Memorials may be given to Riley's Children's Hospital.

Smith service

The funeral service for Helen M. Smith, 89, was on Thursday, May 19, 2005, at Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City, with the Rev. Gene Rohrer, pastor of Oak Grove United Methodist Church officiating.

Evelyn Zumbrun played a variety of hymns during the organ prelude and postlude including "How Great Thou Art" and "Going Home".

The committal service followed at Greenhill Cemetery. The grandchildren, Andrew Fosnaugh, Brian Fosnaugh, Joshua Smith, Felice Panarisi, Deirdra Panarisi and Julie Chemerys, served as casketbearers.

The Columbia City Order of the Eastern Star 65 presented a twilight service on Wednesday evening at the funeral home. Romona Dunfee served as worthy matron, Dick Kessie served as worthy patron, Carolyn Kessie served as Ruth, Janice Studebaker served as Electa, Joan Simon served as secretary, Chet Simon served as chaplain, Carol Schaefer served as Martha, Beverly Yingst served as Adah, Barbara Hawn served as Esther and Ned Yingst served as warder.

Mrs. Smith, the widow of Boyce B. Smith and mother of Thomas S. (Judy) Smith, Anthony W. (Marla) Smith and Anne (Steven) Fosnaugh, died Monday, May 16th.

McGill service

The funeral service for William K. McGill, 88, was on Friday, May 20, 2005, at Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City, with the Rev. Christopher Thuro, pastor of Troy Presbyterian Church officiating.

A variety of hymns were played during the prelude and postlude including "Rock of Ages" and "The Old Rugged Cross". "How Great Thou Art" and "Amazing Grace" were played during the service.

The committal service followed at St. John's Lutheran Cemetery in Fort Wayne. Casketbearers were Dan Nickolson, Keith Nickolson, James Gilbert, Don Thompson, Michael Garver and Robert Rieman Sr.

Military honors were presented at the cemetery by the American Legion Post 98. Dean Ramsey served as chaplain and Bill Hare served as bugler. The Color Guard included Frank Daniels as commander, Homer Wells, Ray Gilbert and Paul Brower. The Firing Squad included Bill Hare as commander, Ted Hare, Bob Hearld, Larry Jones, John Slabaugh and Bill Rea.

Mr. McGill, widower of Betty J. (Seabold) McGill and father of Kenneth W. McGill and Karen D. Nickolson, died Monday, May 16th.

Ailene B. Plummer, 86

Sept. 6, 1918 - May 23, 2005

Ailene B. Plummer, 86, died Tuesday, May 23, 2005, at her home at Papakeechee Lake.

She was born Sept. 6, 1918, in DeKalb County, a daughter of Raymond Robert and LaVaun Mary Cochran Squires. Her formative years were spent in the Auburn area, where she completed her education.

She was united in marriage to Paul L. Plummer on Nov. 18, 1940 and they made their home in Union Township. Later they lived at Barbee Lake, Houghton Lake, Mich., and for the past 12 years at the lake near Syracuse.

She was employed by the Auburn Rubber Company for five years and then at the Dana Corp. in Churubusco for twenty years before her retirement. She had served as a union steward while working at the Dana plant.

Survivors include her husband, Paul; three sons, David A. (Amy) Plummer of Black River Falls, Wis., Steven W. (Cathy) Plummer of Fort Wayne and James Franklin Plummer of Columbia City; two daughters, Pauline K. Klaver of Cameron, N.C. and Janet Marie (Steven) Knispel of Warsaw; 12 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a sister, Marseille Heck and brother, Hugh Squires.

Funeral service will be 11 a.m. Friday, May 27, 2005, at Smith & Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City, with Pastor John Harker of Columbia City First Baptist Church officiating. Burial will be at South Park Annex Cemetery. Visitation will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, May 26, at the funeral home. Memorials may be given to the Kosciusko County Hospice. You may send a memorial at www.smithandsonsfuneralhome.com.

Elkins service

Pastor Karen Biddle officiated at the funeral service for Marilyn Sue Elkins, 69, on Monday, May 23, 2005, at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home in Columbia City. Organ prelude included "On Eagles Wings," "In The

Garden," "The Church in the Wildwood" and "Wind Beneath My Wings" with "I'll Fly Away" as postlude by Carla Blakley. A video celebrating the life of Mrs. Elkins was shared before family and friends were dismissed to the Angel of Hope Memorial Garden for a balloon release.

Casketbearers were Bobby, Cheri, Ross and Jacob Elkins, Gina and Matt Holderman, Lon Fritz, Chuck Webb, Rich Tenney and Dave Ball. Honorary bearers were Keith Rupert, Homer Hursey, Larry Brandom Sr., and Jerry Yagel. Burial was at Oak Grove (Compton) Cemetery in rural Columbia City.

Mrs. Elkins, wife of Robert L. Elkins and mother of Dennis and Stephen Elkins, died Friday, May 20, 2005.

Murbach service

The funeral service for Harmon Paul Murbach, 95, was on Monday, May 23, 2005, at Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City, with the Rev. C. Jack Scott, pastor of Columbia City United Methodist Church officiating.

Barbara Siler played a variety of hymns during the organ prelude and postlude including, "Amazing Grace," "The Old Rugged Cross," "Hymn of Promise" and "It Is Well With My Soul".

The committal service followed at Oak Grove Cemetery. Casketbearers were Tom Drew, Don Armstrong, Kurt Magnus, Chad Porter, Mark Heinbaugh and Galen "Johnnie" Johnson. Honorary bearers were Paul Anders and Bill Vansersaul.

Mr. Murbach, husband of Velma (Freck) Pequignot Murbach and the late Helen M. (Wolfangle) Murbach and father of Joy (David) Heinbaugh and Linda (Jack) Sevier, died Thursday, May 19, 2005.

Donald D. Wright, 62**Jan. 3, 1943 - May 25, 2005**

Donald Dean Wright, 62, of South Whitley, died at 1:14 p.m. Wednesday, May 25, 2005, at his home.

He was born in Warsaw on Jan. 3, 1943, to Max and Marie (Ressler) Wright.

As a young child, he lived in Etna-Troy Township and then moved to South Whitley, where he spent his adult lifetime. He graduated with the Class of 1961 from South Whitley

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High School. He served in

the United States National Guard, Bluffton Unit.

He was united in marriage to Cheryl Ann Rudd on Sept. 8, 1965, in the Oak Grove United Methodist Church. For 20 years, he was employed by D & C Construction in South Whitley, Irmscher and Witwer, both of Fort Wayne, then retired from W. J. Carey Construction in South Whitley as a superintendent. He was a member of the South Whitley United Methodist Church and a former board member of Whitley County 4-H, Inc.

Survivors include his wife, Cheryl A. Wright of South Whitley; daughter, Susan Mort of South Whitley; son, Tom (Tracy) Wright of Zionsville; four grandchildren; brother, Richard (Diana) Wright of Warsaw; sister, Linda (Dave) Sienicki of Ely, Minn.; and in-laws, Tom (Lulu) Rudd of South Whitley. He was preceded in death by his parents and daughter, Mary Beth Wright, who died Nov. 6, 1982.

Visitation will be from 2 to 8 p.m. Friday, May 27, 2005, at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Dr. in Columbia City. Funeral Service will be at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, May 28, at the funeral home with Pastor Paul Burris of South Whitley United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will be at South Whitley Cemetery. Memorials may be given to Riley Children's Foundation or Whitley County 4-H, Inc. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home. To send condolences to the family, sign the guest register or to light a memorial candle, please visit www.demoneygrimes.com.

William E. Schiek**Jan. 12, 1922 - May 18, 2005**

William E. Schiek, 83, of rural Waterloo, died Wednesday, May 18, 2005, at his home.

He was a lifetime DeKalb County farmer.

He was born Jan. 12, 1922, in Waterloo to Ernest and Mabel (Stahl) Schiek.

On May 28, 1944, he was united in marriage to Mary Jane Christlieb in Angola.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Jane Schiek; three sons, Brad (Angel) Schiek and Greg (Susan) Schiek, both of Waterloo, and Jeff (Cathy) Schiek of Edgerton, Ohio; four daughters, Betty (Dave) Pippenger of Churubusco, Susan (Stephen) Hull of Angola, Freda (Kerry) Dickey of Batesville and Lisa (Jeff) Grimm of Waterloo; 21 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

Funeral service will be 3 p.m. Friday, May 27, 2005, at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Paul Patton and Don Hawver officiating. Burial will be at Waterloo Cemetery. Visitation will be from 1 to 3 p.m. Friday, at the funeral home. Memorials may be given to the Butler Church of the Nazarene, Butler Assembly of God or Parkview Hospice.

Fowler service

The funeral service for Sadie Fowler, 77, was on Wednesday, May 25, 2005, at Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City, with Pastor Ron Stambaugh, pastor of Waterloo Freewill Baptist Church officiating.

Evelyn Zumbrun played a variety of hymns during the organ prelude and postlude including "Amazing Grace," "Stroll Over To Heaven With You," "Love Was In The Room" and "Welcome Holy Spirit" were also played during the postlude. Bonnie Taylor sang "Wings of a Dove" to begin the service. Shirley Hubbard sang "The Lighthouse" during the service and "Sweet By and By" to conclude the service.

The committal service followed at Jefferson Chapel Cemetery. Casketbearers were Dennis Engle, Jay Engle, Albert Engle, Steven Barber, Bob Holland and Glen Miracle.

Mrs. Fowler, the widow of William F. Fowler and mother of Wallace R. Fowler and Donald R. Fowler, died Sunday, May 2, 2005.

Maxine R. Mowrey, 94

April 2, 1911 - May 26, 2005

Maxine R. Mowrey, 94, a resident of Columbia City, died Thursday, May 26, 2005, at Charlotte Stephenson Manor in Adrian, Mich., where she was admitted on April 11. She had been a resident of Miller's Merry Manor in Columbia City since March 2.

She was born April 2, 1911, in Wallace, Idaho, a daughter of John and Jessie (Gallooly) Rogers. In 1916, her family moved to Los Angeles and she graduated from Los Angeles High School.



Mowrey

On Nov. 24, 1931, she was united in marriage to Walter C. Mowrey. They made their home on a farm in Jefferson Township until 1973 when they moved to Columbia City. Mr. Mowrey died July 3, 1980.

A homemaker, she was a member of First Church of God, Jefferson Home Demonstration Club where she served as a past president, a past Noble Grand of Laud Rebekah Lodge and a charter member of Whitley County Historical Society.

Survivors include son, David J. (Cynthia) Mowrey of Adrian, Mich.; two daughters, Sharon Mowrey of Los Angeles, Calif. and Marilyn (Dan) Speed of Patagonia, Ariz.; three grandsons; and a sister, Jean MacKinnon of Virginia. In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by son, Roger Mowrey and sister, Jessie Rahn.

The funeral service will be 3 p.m. Sunday, May 29, 2005, at Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City, with the Rev. Penny Mosher, associate pastor of First Church of God officiating. Burial will be at Oak Grove Cemetery. Visitation will be from 1 to 3 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. Memorials may be given to the First Church of God Building Fund. Condolences may be sent to www.smithandsonsfuneralhome.com

Ethel Marie Fugate, 87

January 16, 1918- May 27, 2005

Ethel Marie Fugate, 87, of Columbia City, died at 12:40 a.m. Friday, May 27 at The Oaks Nursing Home in Columbia City.



Fugate

She was born to Logan and Rosylee (Lykins) Spencer on January 16, 1918 in Breathitt County, Ky., where she spent her youth. She received her formal education in the schools of Breathitt County before marrying Robert Kelly Fugate on December 20, 1934.

She and her husband established their first home in Boone County, Ky. Sixteen years later, they moved to Indiana. They lived in Larwill for four years before moving to Columbia City in 1960.

Together, the couple founded Marie & Bob's Restaurant in Larwill, owning it and managing it for 10 years before retiring.

She was a member of the Salem Baptist Church of the Ligonier area.

She is survived by three sons, Robert E. Fugate of Wentzville, Mo., Herschel Fugate of Douglasville, Ga., and Galen Fugate of Pierceton; five daughters, Eunice Sturgill of Columbia City, Christine (Gary) Keirn of Austin, Texas, Anna Lee Herron of Douglasville, Ga., and Patricia

(Keith) Sheets and Darlene (James) Sparks, both of Pierceton; 19 grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; one son, Paul Fugate; one brother, Everett Spencer and one sister, Emaline Cooley.

Visitation will be held from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday, May 29, 2005 at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home. The funeral service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Monday at the funeral home with Pastor Barry Faucett of New Hope Wesleyan Church officiating. Burial will be at South Park (Original) Cemetery in Columbia City.

To send condolences to the family, sign the guest register or to light a memorial candle in Mrs. Fugate's name, please visit www.demoneygrimes.com.

Paul O. Swonger, 79

Nov. 2, 1925 - May 26, 2005

Paul O. Swonger, 79, of Warsaw, died at 9:30 p.m. Thursday, May 26, 2005, at Mason's Health Care in Warsaw.

He was born Nov. 2, 1925, in Kosciusko County, the son of Willard and Mary (Henderson) Swonger.

In November 1946, he was united in marriage to Fredona Stump and later divorced. In June 1978, he was united in marriage to Lena Barger.

He was a lifelong Kosciusko and Whitley County resident, retiring from Dana Corporation after 35 years of service. He was a lifetime member of the V.F.W. and a World War II U.S.

Navy Veteran, serving on the U.S.S. Gilbert Islands. He was an avid bingo player and enjoyed woodworking and gardening. He loved his dog, Teddy.

Survivors include his wife, Lena Swonger of Warsaw; two daughters, Diana (Phil) Herrick of Warsaw and Vickie (John) Wyatt of Columbia City; four step-daughters, Wilma (Gene) Burkett of Pierceton, Kaye (John) Ready of Bremen, Sandy (Carl) Tuncil of Warsaw and Patty Barger of Pennsylvania; step-son, Earl (Jan) Barger of Leesburg; sister, Evelyn Watson of Cromwell; 23 grandchildren; 43 great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by sister, Edith Swonger; grandson, D. J. Boggs; half-brother, Eugene Swonger; two step-brothers, James Emmons and Richard Emmons; and step-son Lynn Edward Barger.

Funeral service will be 1 p.m. Tuesday, May 31, 2005, at McHatton-Sadler Funeral Chapel, 2290 Provident Court, Warsaw, with visitation three hours prior to service. Pastor Dennis Bollenbacher will be officiating. Burial will be at Oakwood Cemetery in Warsaw. Memorials may be given to the American Heart Association or the V.F.W.



June Borkenstein, 89

June 9, 1915- May 26, 2005

June Borkenstein, 89, a resident of Fort Wayne, died Thursday, May 26, 2005, at her home of natural causes.

She was born to James A. and Ella May (Schuh) Swihart on June 9, 1915 in Fort Wayne.

She graduated from North Side High School, and received a degree in nursing from Lutheran School of Nursing. She was a registered nurse at Lutheran Hospital, as well as a private duty nurse.

On June 29, 1938 she was united in marriage to Herbert O. Borkenstein. They made their home together in Fort Wayne until his death on June 15, 1990.

Her memberships included Trinity English Lutheran Church and the Elizabeth North Circle.

Surviving relatives include two daughters, Sue Ann Ann (William) Swift and Jill Borkenstein, both of Fort Wayne; two sons, David M. (Denise) Borkenstein of Fort Wayne, and William J. (Gabriele) Borkenstein of Germany; nine grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her sister, Marjorie McCague.

The funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, June 1, 2005, at Trinity English Lutheran Church, 405 W. Wayne Street in Fort Wayne, with Pastor Kathleen Haller officiating. The burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery. Visitation will be from 4 to 7 p.m. Tuesday at Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City and one hour before the service at the church Wednesday.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to Trinity English Lutheran Church for the gardens or the League for the Blind and Disabled.

Carl Mishler, 62

Feb. 23, 1943 - May 28, 2005

Carl Mishler, 62, of Columbia City, died at 6:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 28, 2005 at his residence.

Born in Warsaw on Feb. 23, 1943, a son of Lee and Margaret (Metzger) Mishler, he was a lifetime resident of Whitley County. He attended South Whitley schools.

He married Lucille Egolf on Dec. 31, 1963. He has been a farmer his entire life and was a member of the Eel River Community Church and Church of the Brethren, rural Silver Lake.

Survivors include his wife, Lucille Mishler of Columbia City; a daughter, Anita (Carl) Freewalt of Columbia City; two sons, Brian Mishler of Ligonier and Kevin Mishler of Columbia City; eight grandchildren and a brother, Cecil Pyle of North Manchester. He was preceded in death by his parents and a grandson.

Visitation is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. today at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside, Columbia City. The funeral service is 10 a.m. on Wednesday, June 1, 2005 at the funeral home with Pastor Dan Riccius officiating. Burial is at South Whitley Cemetery, South Whitley. Memorial bequests may be given in Mr. Mishler's memory to Muscular Dystrophy or Parkview Whitley Home Health Care and Hospice. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home.

To send condolences to the family, sign the guest register or to light a memorial candle in Mr. Mishler's memory, please visit www.demoneygrimes.com.



Mishler

Jo Anne Henning, 72

Oct. 31, 1932 - May 29, 2005

Jo Anne Henning, 72, a resident of Churubusco, died at 8:00 p.m. Sunday, May 29, 2005, at her residence following an extended illness.

She was born in Denver, Colo., Oct. 31, 1932, a daughter of Arthur "Peck" and Hilda (Class) O'Dier. As a small child she moved to Fort Wayne with her family and lived there until moving to Blue Lake near Churubusco in 1937. She spent her formative years at Blue Lake and graduated from Churubusco High School in 1951.

On Oct. 18, 1952, she was united in marriage to Ronald R. Henning and lived all of her adult life in the Churubusco area.



Henning

She was a member of Faith Lutheran Church in Churubusco, was a volunteer at the Churubusco Senior Citizens Nutrition Site for several years and in her leisure time enjoyed playing Euchre and gardening.

Survivors include son, Scott L. (Lori) Henning of Churubusco; sister-in-law, Judy O'Dier of Clearbrook, Minn.; brother-in-law, Jesse (Mary) Henning of Fort Wayne and four grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband; son, Timothy Allen Henning in 2002 and brother, Jack O'Dier in 1994.

Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Friday, June 3, 2005, at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with visitation one hour prior to service. The Rev. Lane Burgland, pastor of Faith Lutheran Church will be officiating. Visitation will also be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, June 2, at the funeral home. Burial will be at Eel River Cemetery, south of Churubusco. Memorials may be given to Faith Lutheran Church, Visiting Nurse Service and Hospice, or the Multiple Sclerosis Foundation. Condolences may be e-mailed to the family at sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

E. Jeanne Minick, 83

April 15, 1922 - May 28, 2005

E. Jeanne Minick, 83, the widow of prominent Churubusco physician Linus J. Minick, M.D., died Saturday, May 28, 2005, at her residence following a lengthy illness.

She was born in DeKalb County April 15, 1922, the only child of Kenneth W. and Helen I. (Loffi) Creviston, and spent her formative years in Garrett, graduating from Garrett High School in 1940. As a young woman she attended St. Mary's College in South Bend, worked in the office of Bowser's in Fort Wayne. She was married in Garrett on Aug. 30, 1947.



Minick

The couple spent the early years of their marriage in Indianapolis and moved to Churubusco in 1952, where her husband had a medical practice for more than 40 years. A homemaker for much of her adult life, she later attended IPFW in Fort Wayne, received a certificate in library science, and served as the librarian of the Churubusco Public Library for many years.

A member of St. John Bosco Catholic Church in Churubusco, she also served in the church's finances, was a Eucharistic minister and was a member of the St. Mary's Alumni Club in Fort Wayne.

Survivors include two sons, Dr. Michael C. Minick of Lewiston, Idaho and Mark J. (Penny) Minick of Van Wert, Ohio; two daughters, Mary Beth (Chris Bourke) Minick of Indianapolis and Marsha A. Minick of Libertyville, Ill.; eight grandchildren and her dog and companion, "Rags." Dr. Minick preceded her in death Nov. 3, 1995. She was also preceded in death by an infant son, Matthew Minick on March 1, 1957.

Mass of Christian Burial will be 10 a.m. Wednesday, June 1, 2005, at St. John Bosco Catholic Church in Churubusco with visitation one hour prior to service. Father Danney Pinto will be officiating. Visitation will also be from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, May 31, at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco. The rosary will be recited at 8 p.m. Tuesday, at the funeral home. Burial will be at Ege Catholic Cemetery in Noble County. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to the Churubusco Public Library, St. John Bosco Catholic Church for masses, Visiting Nurse Service and Hospice or St. Mary's College, South Bend. Condolences may be e-mailed to the family at sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

John P. Yates, 63

Jan. 20, 1922 - May 28, 2005

John P. Yates, 63, a resident of Fort Wayne, died at 7:57 a.m. Saturday, May 28, 2005, at his residence following a lengthy illness. He had been seriously ill since October.



He was born in Corunna on Jan. 20, 1942. He spent his formative years in rural Allen County and

graduated from Huntertown High School on 1962.

As a young man, he served with the U.S. Army for two years, then returned to Fort Wayne where he lived all of his adult life. He was employed as a lab technician at Cunningham Optical One in Fort Wayne for 35 years, retiring from there in 2003.

He was a member of the Thunderbird Automobile Club in Fort Wayne and in his leisure time enjoyed woodworking. He was also devoted to his dogs and pet birds.

Survivors include his life partner, Darrell Joder of Fort Wayne; brother, Erwin "Rowdy" Yates of Fort Wayne; five nieces and two nephews.

Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Thursday, June 2, 2005, at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with Chaplain Claire Walter officiating. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, June 1, at the funeral home. Burial will be at Eel River Cemetery, Allen County. Condolences may be e-mailed to the family at sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.



Yates

Maurine E. Witham, 89

Jan. 16, 1916 - May 28, 2005

Maurine E. Witham, 89, a resident of rural Huntertown and widow of widely-acquainted businessman Paul S. "Pete" Witham, died at 8:10 p.m. Saturday, May 28, 2005, at Sunrise Senior Living in Fort Wayne following a lengthy illness.

She was born in Fort Wayne Jan. 16, 1916, a daughter of Cassius and Lucille (Grayless) Bear and spent her formative years in Eel River Township in Allen County. She graduated from Huntertown High School and was married in Churubusco Feb. 14, 1941, to Paul S. "Pete" Witham.

A lifelong resident of Eel River Township, she was a homemaker and had also worked for a period at the Magic Wand Restaurant in Churubusco.

She was a member of Huntertown United Methodist Church, its United Methodist Women and Churubusco Order of the Eastern Star 136. In her leisure time she enjoyed playing cards and sewing for church projects.

Survivors include three daughters, Judy (Max) Myers and Sue (Tom) Stonestreet, both of Churubusco, and Nila (Richard) Ferguson of Huntertown; brother, Edwin (Phyllis) Bear of Columbia City; seven grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren and several cousins. In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by a brother, Eldon Bear and infant sister, Lois Louise Bear.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Thursday, June 2, 2005, at Huntertown United Methodist Church, 16021 Lima Rd., with visitation one hour prior to service. Pastor Sherri Long will be officiating. Visitation will also be from 3 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, June 1, at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in

Churubusco. Burial will be at Eel River Cemetery, Allen County. Memorials may be given to the Huntertown United Methodist Church. Condolences may be e-mailed to the family at sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.



Witham

Helen Budrey, 89

April 27, 1916 - May 31, 2005

Helen Budrey, 89, a resident of Fort Wayne and formerly of Wilmington, Ohio, died at 1:28 a.m. today at Kingston Care Center in Fort Wayne, following an extended illness.

Born in Fort Wayne on April 27, 1916, a daughter of Abraham and Wadia (Mourad) Budrey, she moved to Wilmington as a child with her parents. She graduated from Wilmington High School in 1935, and from beauty school in Springfield, Ohio in 1936. She lived all of her adult life in Wilmington until returning to Fort Wayne in 2001.

A professional beauty

operator, she owned and operated Helen's Beauty Salon in Wilmington, until retiring in 1996. She attended the Lumberton United Methodist Church in Lumberton.

Surviving relatives include a brother, Isaac (Olive) Budrey of Wilmington; two sisters, Louise Budrey of Huntertown and Mary (Norman, Sr.) Bojrab of Fort Wayne; three nieces and two nephews. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a brother, Mose Budrey in 1937.

Funeral services are 2 p.m. Thursday, June 2, 2005 at Reynolds-Smith Funeral Home in Wilmington, Ohio. The family will receive friends at the mortuary after noon Thursday until the time of service. Interment is at Sugar Grove Cemetery, Wilmington.

Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco is in charge of the local arrangements. Condolences may be e-mailed to the family at sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.



Budrey

James R. Jackson, 70

April 3, 1935 - May 31, 2005

James R. Jackson, 70, of rural Albion, died at 12:25 a.m. Tuesday, May 31, 2005, at his residence.

He was born in Waveland on April 3, 1935, to Basil and Venia (Bowls) Jackson.

He lived his lifetime in the Big Lake area and attended Wolf Lake school.

On Feb. 5, 1962, he was united in marriage to Juanita J. Hursey in Columbia City by the Rev. Graham Kleespie. He was self-employed for several years as a mechanic, then as a farmer. He was a volunteer of Big Lake Fire Department for several years.

Survivors include three sons, Richard S. Jackson of Arkansas, James R. Jackson Jr. of Phoenix, Ariz. and Basil C. Jackson of Columbia City; daughter, Debra S. Jackson of Fort Wayne; eight grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; two brothers, Robert (Gloria) Jackson of Albion and Delmar (Lou Ann) Jackson of South Whitley; four sisters, Ruth (Ervin) Geiger, Virginia (Tom) Bumgardner and Marilyn (John) Walker, all of Columbia City, and Darlene (Don) Daugherty of Plymouth; sister-in-law, Ireta G. (Oakley) Jackson of Columbia City; and former wife, Sandra Mitchell of New Braunsville, Texas. He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Juanita J. Jackson, who passed away Sept. 2, 2003; four children, Lincoln Bacal Jackson, Hank Richard Jackson, Matthew Mark Jackson and Nita Dawn Hursey; sister, Helen Delores Jackson and brother, Oakley "Jack" Jackson.

Visitation will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, June 1, 2005, and 11-1:30 p.m. Thursday, June 2, at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Dr. in Columbia City. A graveside service will be 2 p.m. Thursday, June 2, at Thorn Cemetery, Ormas, with Pastor Rich Pride of Eagle Quest Church officiating. Memorials may be given to the Jackson Family Memorial Fund. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home. To send condolences, sign the guest register or to light a memorial candle, please visit www.demoneygrimes.com.



Jackson

Donald J. "Buffy" Buffenbarger, 73

April 25, 1932 - May 29, 2005

Donald J. "Buffy" Buffenbarger, 73, died Sunday, May 29, 2005, at Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

Born in Allen County on April 25, 1932, he was the son of Frank and Emma (Busching) Buffenbarger.

He was a supervisor with Peter Eckrich & Sons for 38 years, retiring in 1989. He loved his family, church, fishing and nature.

Survivors include his wife, Sharon D. Buffenbarger of Fort Wayne, two sons, Michael (Joyce) Buffenbarger of Columbia City and James (Diane) Buffenbarger of Fort Wayne; daughter, Patricia (Joe) Bowser of South Whitley; three step-daughters, Laurie Kruse of Georgia, Jennifer McBride and Jill Brantley, both of Florida; eight grandchildren; four step-grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren and sister, Nancy Chiow of Sandusky, Ohio. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Dolores Buffenbarger in 1996.

Funeral services are 11 a.m. Friday, June 3, 2005, at Mount Calvary Lutheran Church, 1819 Reservation Dr. with visitation two hours prior to service. Visitation is also from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday, June 2, at the church. Arrangements are by D.O. McComb & Sons Foster Park Funeral Home, 6301 Fairfield Ave., Fort Wayne. Burial is at Covington Memorial Gardens. Memorials may be given to IPFW School of Medicine Brain Bank Research or the church.

Wright service

Pastor Paul Burris officiated at the funeral service for Donald D. Wright, 62, on May 28, 2005, at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home in Columbia City. Organist Evelyn Stemen

included "Come, Thou Fount," "How Great Thou Art," "The Old Rugged Cross" and "The Lord's Prayer" as prelude with "Hymn of Promise" as

postlude. A video celebrating the life of Mr. Wright was shared before family and friends were dismissed to the Angel of Hope Memorial Garden for a dove release.

Casketbearers were Les Cripe, David and John Rudd, Richard and Jeff Wright and David Sienicki. Burial was at South Whitley Cemetery.

Mr. Wright, husband of Cheryl A. Wright and father of Susan Mort and Tom Wright, died Wednesday, May 25, 2005.

David J. Ainslie, 42

Aug. 19, 1962 - May 31, 2005

David J. Ainslie, 42, a resident of Bear Lake in Albion, died at 7:55 p.m. Tuesday, May 31, 2005, at Parkview Whitley Hospital in Columbia City following a brief illness. He had worked for Dekko Company in North Webster for five years as an assembly worker.

He was born Aug. 19, 1962, in Phoenix, Ariz., a son of Bernard and Wanda (Rupert) Ainslie. He was a graduate of Snyder High School in Fort Wayne.

On Sept. 21, 2001, he was united in marriage to Brenda Gettinger.

Survivors include his wife Brenda Ainslie; brother, Bruce (Sally) Ainslie of Fort Wayne; sister, Roxanna (Pat) Jastrzemski, also of Fort Wayne; step-daughter, Marcia Ducheteau of North Webster; step-son, James (Stephanie) Ducheteau, also of North Webster and two step-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Saturday, June 4, 2005, at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco, with visitation one-half hour prior to service. Condolences may be e-mailed to the family at sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

Pastor Timothy J. Jackson, 56

Oct. 9, 1948 - June 1, 2005

Pastor Timothy J. Jackson, 56, died Wednesday, June 1, 2005, at his home in Poe.

He was born in Fort Wayne and pastor of God Our Provider Church for seven years.

Survivors include his wife, Pastor Roseanne Jackson of Poe; four daughters, Shari J. Barton, Heather A. Hancsak, Carly C. H. Roe, Sybil S. Litchfield; two sons, Elijah G. Litchfield and Isaac A. Litchfield; 12 grandchildren; parents, Jay and Phyllis (Fagen) Jackson and seven brothers and sisters.

Memorial service is 2 p.m. Sunday, June 5, 2005, at God Our Provider Church, 3709 E. Yoder Rd. Arrangements by D.O. McComb & Sons Foster Park Funeral Home, 6301 Fairfield Ave., Fort Wayne. Memorials may be given to God Our Provider Church.

Fugate service

Pastor Barry Faucett officiated at the funeral service for Ethel M. Fugate, 87, on Monday, May 30, 2005, at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home in Columbia City. Organist Evelyn Stemen included "How Great Thou Art," "Amazing Grace," "A Child of the King" and "Precious Memories" with "God Will Take Care Of You" as postlude. A vocal duet of "The Light House" was sung by Mr. & Mrs. Fred Miller. A video celebrating the life of Mrs. Fugate was shared before family and friends were dismissed to the Angel of Hope Memorial Garden for a dove release.

Casketbearers were Jack Funnell, Ellis and John Sturgill, Adam Sheets, Joe and Jeff Fugate and Alan Keirn. Burial was at South Park (Original) Cemetery in Columbia City.

Mrs. Fugate, mother of Robert, Herschel and Galen Fugate, Eunice Sturgill, Christine Keirn, Anna Lee Herron, Patricia Sheets and Darlene Sparks, died Friday, May 27, 2005.

Mishler service

Pastor Dan Riccius officiated at the funeral service for Carl Mishler, 62, on Wednesday, June 1, 2005, at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home in Columbia City. Organ prelude included "How Great Thou Art," "What A Friend We Have In Jesus" and "The Old Rugged Cross" with "Room At The Cross For You" as postlude by Evelyn Stemen. A video celebrating the life of Mr. Mishler was shared before dismissing family and friends. Burial was at South Whitley Cemetery.

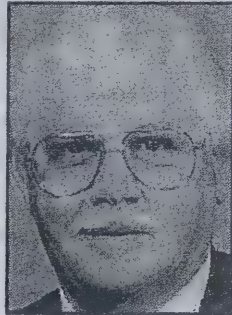
A lifetime Whitley County farmer, Mr. Mishler, husband of Lucille Mishler and father to Anita Freewalt, Brian Mishler and Kevin Mishler, died on Saturday, May 28, 2005.

James F. Fry, 70

Sept. 22, 1934 - May 31, 2005

James F. Fry, 70, a resident of Churubusco, died unexpectedly Tuesday, May 31, 2005, at the family residence as the result of an apparent heart attack.

He was born on Sept. 22, 1934, in Lake Township in Allen County, a son of James W. and Ethel M. (Graves) Fry. He spent his formative years in Lake Township and graduated from Arcola High School in 1952.



On Aug. 8, 1953, he was united in marriage to DeMaris Longworth. Other than a short time following their marriage, the couple spent all of their married lives in Churubusco.

He was employed as a truck driver for OK Trucking in Fort Wayne for 32 years, retiring from there in 1991.

He was a member of the Churubusco Church of the Nazarene and in addition to serving the church in several capacities, was instrumental in the construction of the church's Christian Life Center. In his leisure time he enjoyed all types of sports, was devoted to Bible study and was a prayer warrior for his family.

Survivors include his wife, Demaris (Longworth) Fry, to whom he was married for over 51 years; son, James (Kris) Fry of Churubusco; two daughters, Pamela (Rick) McCoy and Donna (Brad) Dell, both of Churubusco; brother, Don (Roxanne) Fry of Churubusco; eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Saturday, June 4, 2005, at the Churubusco Church of the Nazarene, with visitation one hour prior to service. Pastors Paul D. White, Michael Harper and Rick Van Horn will be officiating. Visitation will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, June 3, at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco. Burial will be at Eel River Cemetery, south of Churubusco. Memorials may be given to the Churubusco Church of the Nazarene Teen Youth Group. Condolences may be e-mailed to the family at sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

James H. Bowles Jr., 61

June 3, 1943 - June 1, 2005

James H. Bowles Jr., 61, of Fort Wayne and Little Rock, Ark., died at 11 a.m. Wednesday, June 1, 2005 in the care of his family at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana.

Born June 3, 1943 in Northon, Va., he was a son of James H. and Dollie M. (Phillips) Bowles Sr.

On Dec. 20, 1963, he married Sandra K. Glen. He married Josette Lee Jandron on Oct. 9, 1987.

He drove a truck for ABF for 19 years, where he had a perfect driving record. He was a member of Teamster Union. In his free time, he enjoyed fishing.

Survivors include his wife, Josette; five children, Cathy (Tim) Lee of Warsaw, James H. Bowles III of Little Rock, Ark., Denise (John) Carroll of Pierceton, Sandra Johnson of Memphis, Tenn. and Mark (Mary) Ewing of Little Rock, Ark.; two sisters, Alison (Jay) Furge of Fort Wayne and Lottie (Clyde) Crowder of Dalesville, Va.; 12 grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Betty Sue Sutphin.

The funeral service is 6 p.m. Sunday, June 5, 2005 at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., Fort Wayne. Visitation is 2 to 6 p.m. Sunday.

Memorials may be given to Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home.

Jackson service

Pastor Rich Pride officiated at the graveside service for James R. Jackson, Sr., 70, on Thursday, June 2, 2005, at Thorn Cemetery, Ormas.

Casketbearers were Gary, Jr. and Brian Dail, Robin and Cecil Harrison, Gary Hursey, Joshua Keel and Amanda Jackson.

Mr. Jackson, a lifetime Big Lake resident and father of Richard, James, Jr. and Bazil Jackson and Debra S. Jackson, died on Tuesday, May 31, 2005, at this home.

Services were arranged by DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home in Columbia City.

Betty I. Knecht, 82

Aug. 16, 1922 - June 4, 2005

Betty I. Knecht, 82, a resident of Columbia City, died at 2:45 p.m. Saturday, June 4, 2005, at Miller's Merry Manor where she had been a patient since October 2004.

She was born Aug. 16, 1922, in Noble County, a daughter of John and Sadie Beezley Scott. Her formative years were spent in Noble County where she attended the Washington Center Grade School and graduated from North Webster High School.



Knecht

On Nov. 9, 1942, she was united in marriage to Ralph J. Knecht and they made their home in Fort Wayne for six years, then moved to the Columbia City area. Mr. Knecht died on July 12, 1993.

She had been employed as the activity director at the Columbia City Nursing Home for seven years, and was a member of Zion Lutheran Church.

Survivors include three daughters, Kathryn (Jay) Knisely of Columbia City, Virginia Fulton of South Bend and Sarah (Robert) Reilly of South Whitley; two sons, Benjamin (Gina) Knecht and James Knecht, both of Columbia City; 10 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; two sisters, Hilda Earnhart of Pierceton and Carol Engle of California. She was preceded in death by a son, Robert; a sister and three brothers.

A graveside service will be at 9 a.m. Tuesday, June 7, 2005, at Greenhill Cemetery, Columbia City, with the Rev. James Haugen, pastor of Zion

Lutheran Church officiating. Visitation will be from 6 to 8 p.m. today at Smith & Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City. Memorials may be given to the Vacation Bible School at Zion Lutheran Church or the activities department at Miller's Merry Manor. Condolences may be sent to www.smithandsonsfuneralhome.com.

Donald W. Stahlhut, 69

July 22, 1935 - June 5, 2005

Donald William Paul Stahlhut, 69, of Fort Wayne, died at 3:30 a.m. Sunday, June 5, 2005, at his residence. He had been in failing health since March.

He was born in Lake Township, Allen County, on July 22, 1935, to Amelia Caroline (Batz) and William Frederick Stahlhut. He spent his entire lifetime in Lake Township, Allen County, and graduated from Arcola High School with the Class of 1953. He also attended several short courses through Purdue University in Agriculture.



Stahlhut

He was united in marriage on Oct. 8, 1960, to Darlene Elizabeth Knipstein at Suburban Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne. He was a general farmer and owned and operated Stahlhut Brother's Trucking for over 40 years. He was a member of Suburban Bethlehem Lutheran Church where he was very active and served as a former elder and church treasurer.

Survivors include his wife, Darlene E. Stahlhut of Fort Wayne; son, Lowell Dean (Susan) Stahlhut of Fort Wayne; daughter, Kathleen Sue (Rodney) Perkins of Stroh; mother, Amelia Caroline Stahlhut of Fort Wayne; four grandsons; brother, Harold (Carol) Stahlhut of Fort Wayne and sister, Marilyn (Michael) Egts of Fort Wayne. He was preceded in death by his father, William Stahlhut.

Funeral service will be 11 a.m. Thursday, June 9, 2005, at Suburban Bethlehem Lutheran Church,

6318, W. California Rd., Fort Wayne, with visitation two hours prior to service. Pastor Richard "Kip" Smith of Suburban Bethlehem Lutheran Church will be officiating. Visitation will also be from 2 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, June 8, at Suburban Bethlehem Lutheran Church. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the staff of DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home in Columbia City. Memorials may be given to Suburban Bethlehem Lutheran Church Building Fund or Visiting Nurse Service and Hospice. Envelopes will be available through the funeral home. To send condolences to the family, sign the guest register, or to light a memorial candle, please visit www.demoneygrimes.com.

Patricia L. Forrester, 69

Oct. 13, 1935 - June 5, 2005

Patricia Lou Forrester, 69, of Columbia City, died at 3 p.m. Sunday, June 5, 2005, at her residence.

She was born in Allen County on Oct. 13, 1935, to Ralph H. and Flossie M. (Kimmel) Johnson. She spent her entire lifetime in Allen County and at her present home for the past

35 years. She graduated from South Side High School with the Class of 1953. She first worked at International Harvester, Fort Wayne Community Schools and lastly, Bowmar Industries for 20 years. She was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary 241, Waynedale.



Forrester

Survivors include her son, David R. (Roxane) Forrester of Columbia

City; daughter, Teresa A. (Ronald) Drown of South Bend and six grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents and three sisters, Donna Jean

Johnson, Barbara Barry and Nancy Moinette.

The memorial service will be 1 p.m. Saturday, June 11, 2005, at her son's home, David Forrester, 1895 North Etna Rd., Columbia City, with a reception following until 3 p.m. Pastor C. Jack Scott of Columbia City United Methodist Church will be officiating. The staff of DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home in Columbia City has been entrusted with the arrangements. Memorials may be given in lieu of flowers to Huntington-Whitley Parkview Home Health Care & Hospice, 240 South Jefferson St., Suite C, Huntington, IN 46750. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home. To send condolences to the family, sign the guest register, or to light a memorial candle, please visit www.demoneygrimes.com.

Mowrey service

The funeral service for Maxine R. Mowrey, 94, was on Sunday, May 29, 2005, at Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City with Pastor Penny

Mosher, associate pastor at First Church of God, officiating.

Bev Hearld played a variety of hymns during the organ prelude and postlude including "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" and "When We All Get To Heaven." Dawn Ward sang "On Eagle's Wings" during the service.

Burial followed at Oak Grove Cemetery. Family and friends served as casketbearers.

Mrs. Mowrey, the widow of Walter C. Mowrey and mother of David J. (Cynthia) Mowrey, Sharon Mowrey and Marilyn (Dan) Speed, died Thursday, May 26, 2005.

Borkenstein service

The funeral service for June M. Borkenstein, 89, was on Wednesday, June 1, 2005, at Trinity English Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne with Pastor Kathleen Haller, church pastor, officiating. Bill Borkenstein, a son, shared remembrances and thanksgivings.

Robert Hobby played a variety of hymns during the organ prelude and postlude including "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God." David Exner sang "Ave Maria" before the service and "Shall We Gather At The River" during the service. Congregational hymns were "How Great Thou Art" and "I Know That My Redeemer Lives."

Burial followed at Lindenwood Cemetery. Casketbearers were David Borkenstein, Bill Borkenstein, Bill Swift, Matt Swift, Mark Swift, Alan Swift, Dave Bennett and Christian Bennett.

Mrs. Borkenstein, the widow of Herbert O. Borkenstein and mother of Sue Ann (William) Swift, Jill Borkenstein, David M. (Denise) Borkenstein and William J. (Gabriele) Borkenstein, died Wednesday, May 25, 2005.

Plummer service

The funeral service for Ailene B. Plummer, 86, was on Friday, May 27, 2005, at Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City with Pastor Jeff Harker, pastor of First Baptist Church officiating.

A variety of hymns were played during the prelude and postlude including "The Old Rugged Cross," "Amazing Grace" and "Just A Closer Walk With Thee."

Burial followed at South Park Annex Cemetery. Casketbearers were Steven Knispel, Steven W. Plummer, David Plummer, James Plummer, Gary Tulley and Thomas Tulley.

Mrs. Plummer, the wife of Paul L. Plummer and mother of David A. (Amy) Plummer, Steven W. (Cathy) Plummer, James Franklin Plummer, Pauline K. Klaver and Janet Marie (Steven) Knispel, died Tuesday, May 24, 2005.

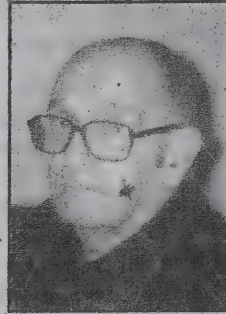
Everett G. "Eddie" Simmons, 83

Aug. 10, 1921 - June 7, 2005

Everett G. "Eddie" Simmons, 83, of Columbia City, died at 6 p.m. Tuesday, June 7, 2005, at Miller's Merry Manor in Columbia City, where he had been a resident since May 10, 2003.

He was born Aug. 10, 1921, in Cleveland Township, a son of Benjamin H. and Elsie B. (Schaff) Simmons. He graduated from Bippus High School.

In August 1943, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy, serving during World War II. He was honorably discharged December 1945.



Simmons



On March 30, 1952, he was united in marriage to Beulah M. Marris. They made their home in Columbia City for 25 years before moving to Lake James near Angola, where they resided for 12 years. They then moved to Fort Wayne. Mrs. Simmons died Oct.

23, 1996.

He was employed at Fisher's Bros. for 25 years and later owned and operated Eddie's Restaurant for eight years. He retired from the Indiana Highway Department in 1986, with over 17 years of service.

His church affiliation was with Oak Grove Church of God and he was a member of American Legion Post 98.

Survivors include two daughters, Peggy David of Thawville, Ill. and Melody Sexton of Columbia City; six grandchildren; brother, James Simmons of Columbia City and sister, Mable Mabie of Columbia City. In addition to his wife, he was preceded in death by four brothers, Paul Simmons, Ned Simmons, Charles Simmons and Joe Simmons; and two sisters, Ruby Bird and Ann Crawford.

The funeral service will be noon Saturday, June 11, 2005, at Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City with visitation two hours prior to service. The Rev. J. Phillip Blake will be officiating. Burial will be at Covington Memorial

Gardens, Fort Wayne. Condolences may be sent to www.smithandsonsfuneralhome.com.

John Paul Huffman, 93

Oct. 6, 1911 - June 1, 2005

John Paul Huffman, 93, of Peabody Retirement Community, North Manchester, died at 2 a.m. Wednesday, June 1, 2005, at Peabody Healthcare Center.

He was born Oct. 6, 1911, in Onward, to Martin Henry and Carrie (Stutesman) Huffman.

On July 21, 1935, he was united in marriage to Joy Dorothy Reiff in North Manchester. She died Nov. 25, 1998.

He served as a principal at Muncie Central from 1958-1973. He then served as administrative assistant to the superintendent and supervisor of special education until his retirement in 1977. He played a key role in the design and curriculum development of the new Central High School, which opened in 1973. He was very involved in the development of the Open Concept program at Muncie Central and other Indiana schools.

Mr. Huffman came to Muncie following a term as principal of Anderson High School from 1953-1958. He previously served as principal at Shields (Seymour) High School; principal and teacher at Knox Community Schools; principal and teacher at Washington Center School and teacher and basketball coach at Columbia City, Lagro and Chester Township Schools.

A native of Onward, he was a 1929 graduate of Central High School. He earned his bachelor's degree in chemistry and math from Manchester College in 1933 and completed post-graduate studies at Manchester College, receiving his master's degree from Indiana University in 1942. Additional graduate work was completed at Michigan, Purdue, Ball State and Colorado.

He was a WWII Veteran, where he served as a surgical technician. He was a member of the Congregational Christian Church of North Manchester since 1936. His memberships included the Kiwanis Club, Lions Club, Torch Club, National Association of Secondary School Principals, Indiana State Teachers Association, Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development, American Association of School Administrators and Phi Kappa Delta.

Survivors include two sons, John (Lois Jean) Huffman of Rancho Cucamonga, Calif. and James (Joyce) Huffman of Topsfield, Mass.; six grandsons and 10 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, parents, four brothers and two sisters.

Funeral services were Saturday, June 4, 2005, at Peabody Memorial Chapel. Burial was at Fairview Cemetery in Servia. Arrangements were



Josie Yvonne Kothe, 59

Aug. 17, 1945 - May 17, 2005

Josie Yvonne Kothe, 59, of Kenner, La., died Tuesday, May 17, 2005, at her home of apparent complications from diabetes.

She was born on Aug. 17, 1945 in Elkins, W.Va. She was previously a resident of Churubusco for about 18 years, where she raised her family. She lived in Kenner, La. for the past 10 years. She was a member of Family of Faith Community Church and was a volunteer at A. C. Alexander Elementary School.

Survivors include son, Joe Kothe; two daughters, Phyllis K. Sollazzo and Valerie Kothe; mother; three sisters and six grandchildren.

Funeral services were Friday, May 20, 2005, at L.A. Muhleisen & Son Funeral Home, 2607 Williams Blvd., Kenner, La.



Kothe

Margaret Bronstetter, 89

Nov. 15, 1915 - June 9, 2005

Margaret Bronstetter, 89, of Fort Wayne, died June 9, 2005, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was born Nov. 15, 1915, in Perry, Okla. She was the widow of John H. Bronstetter who died in 1990. She was a baker for Fort Wayne Community Schools, retiring in 1977 after 18 years of service. She was a member of Trinity English Lutheran Church.

Survivors include Patricia Ruth (Jack) Smith of Columbia City and Judith K. Harrington of Fort Wayne; four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Funeral service is 1 p.m. Saturday, June 11, at Trinity English Lutheran Church, 405 W. Wayne St., Fort Wayne, with visitation one hour prior to service. Burial is at Concordia Cemetery Gardens. Arrangements are by Klaehn, Fahl & Melton, Wayne St. Chapel, Fort Wayne. Preferred memorials may be given to Trinity English Lutheran Church.

handled by Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, Bender Chapel, North Manchester. Preferred memorials may be given to Caring Circle at Peabody Retirement Community, 400 W. 7th St., North Manchester, IN 46962. To sign the guest book, please visit www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.

Mary F. Kreider, 99

Jan. 27, 1906- June 10, 2005

Mary F. Kreider, 99, of Columbia City, died at 6 a.m. Friday, June 10, 2005, at Millers' Merry Manor, Inc. in Columbia City.

She was born in Wolf Lake on Jan. 27, 1906 to Joseph and Rosetta (Chappel) Friend. She spent her entire lifetime in the Columbia City area. She attended school in Wolf Lake and was a homemaker.

She is survived by one son, James (Flora) Loe of Columbia City; one daughter, Martha Loe (Ernest) Harper of Columbia City; one daughter-in-law Buthean King of Pierceton; 10 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren and 12 great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; one son, George King; two grandchildren; one great-grandchild and 13 brothers and sisters.

Visitation will be held from 10 to 10:30 a.m. on Monday, June 13, 2005, at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Dr., Columbia City. Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Monday at the funeral home with Paster Dale Moser officiating. Burial will be at Nolt Cemetery in Columbia City.

Memorial bequests rather than flowers may be given in Mrs. Kreider's memory to Miller's Merry Manor Nursing Home. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home.

To send condolences to the family, sign the guest register or to light a memorial candle in

Mrs. Kreider's memory, visit
www.demoneygrimes.com.

Stahlhut service

Pastor Richard "Kip" Smith officiated at the funeral service for Donald William Paul Stahlhut, 69, on Thursday, June 9, 2005, at Suburban Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne. Music selections included "Amazing Grace," "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God," "Lord, I Lift Your Name On High" and "Shout To The Lord" by Redeemer Praise Band with Mr. Tom Bendor singing vocal solo of "I Can Only Imagine."

Casketbearers were Dwight Bridge, George Bojrab, Richard and Robert Felger, Robert Kurtz, Dan Gerbers, Richard Fick and Carol Schmidt. Burial was at Suburban Bethlehem Lutheran Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Stahlhut, husband of Darlene E. Stahlhut and father of Lowell Dean Stahlhut and Kathleen Sue Perkins, died Sunday, June 5, 2005, at his home.

Services were arranged by DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home in Columbia City.

Edward Z. Kurczewski, 83

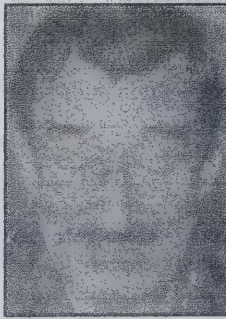
Jan. 13, 1922- May 1, 2005

Edward Z. Kurczewski, 83, a former resident of Tri-Lakes, died Sunday, May 1, 2005, in Inverness, Fla.

He was born Jan. 13, 1922, in Gary, a son of Stanley and Emily Kurczewski.

During WWII, he served in the U.S. Army Air Force as a tail gunner in Southern France.

On Aug. 29, 1952, he was united in marriage to Mary K. Smith and they made their home in



Kurczewski



Milwaukee and Kalamazoo. In August 1957, they moved to Tri-Lakes. Mrs. Kurczewski died on Jan. 24, 1996. Following the death of his wife, he established permanent

residence in Inverness. He retired as an industrial engineer for Eckrich Foods and enjoyed ballroom dancing.

Survivors include his second wife, Beatrice Kurczewski of Inverness; two sisters, Florence Green of Durham, N.C. and Eleanor (David) Breen of St. Augustine, Fla.

Burial will be at noon Saturday, June 18, 2005, at St. Matthew's Cemetery. Arrangements were by Smith & Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City. Condolences may be sent to www.smithandsonsfuneralhome.com.

Helen M. Renschler, 73

Nov. 6, 1931 - June 13, 2005

Helen M. Renschler, 73, a resident of South Whitley, died at 10:45 p.m. Monday, June 13, 2005, at Parkview Whitley Hospital, Columbia City, where she was admitted on June 5.

She was born on Nov. 6, 1931, in South Whitley, a daughter of Thomas and Alice Wright. She graduated from South Whitley High School in 1949.

On May 21, 1949, she was united in marriage to Howard M. "Slim" Renschler. They made their home in South Whitley, later moving to Larwill for a short time.

They returned to South Whitley in the early 1960s, making their home on Mulberry Street. Mr. Renschler died June 5, 1988.

She was employed at Bryan's in North Manchester, Chamberlin Products, Alcoils and Barb's Pizza.

Survivors include three sons, Michael (Linda) Renschler, Charles Renschler and Dennis Renschler, all of South Whitley; daughter, Deborah (David) Wiehe of South Whitley; six grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by two brothers, Robert Wright and an infant brother.

Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday, June 17, 2005, at Smith & Sons Miller Chapel, South Whitley with the Rev. Chad Burkett officiating. Burial will be at South Whitley Cemetery. Visitation will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, June 16, at the funeral home. Memorials may be given to South Whitley-Cleveland Township Volunteer Fire Department. Condolences may be sent to www.smithandsonsfuneralhome.com.



Renschler

Joyce A. (Kreider) May, 59

June 26, 1945 - June 13, 2005

Joyce A. (Kreider) May, 59, died Monday, June 13, 2005, at her residence in Fort Wayne.

She was born June 26, 1945, in Columbia City, the daughter of Howard and Opale (Salesman) Kreider.

She was an administrative assistant with Eckrich from 1964-1985. She was self-employed with The May Way Carpet Cleaning since 1973 and worked at Bagatelle Bistro & Bar from 1992-2001 as service and floor manager. She was a member of Eagles 3164, New Haven, Moose Lodge 1700, New Haven & Concordia Lutheran Church.

Survivors include her husband, Gary C. May

of Fort Wayne; daughter, Yvonne (Jeff) Hamrick of Fort Wayne; three step-sons, Anthony (Jackie) May of Huntington, Daniel May of Decatur and Randy May of Fort Wayne; two granddaughters; three brothers, Martin Kreider of Huntington, Richard Kreider of Columbia City and Joe Kreider of Fort Wayne; sister, Donna Rubrake of Columbia City and best friend, Jayne Martin-Ervine of California. She was preceded in death by her parents and three brothers, Russell Kreider, Paul Kreider and Rex Kreider.

Funeral service is 10 a.m. Thursday, June 16, 2005, at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., Fort Wayne with visitation one hour prior to service. Visitation is also from 1 to 4 and 6 to 9 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorials may be given to Women's Cancer Center, Lutheran Hospital, Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home or Concordia Lutheran Church.

Kreider service

Pastor Dale Mosher officiated at the funeral service for Mary Friend Kreider, 99, on Monday, June 13, 2005, at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home. Music included recorded selections of several traditional hymns.

Casketbearers were Jay King, Bobby and James Loe, Jr., Blain Gerard, Don Conwell and Gary Wedlake. Burial was at Nolt Cemetery, Columbia City.

Mrs. Kreider, a lifetime Columbia City resident and mother of James Loe and Martha Harper, died Friday, June 10, 2005.

Angelia Rider Strickrott, 58

Nov. 4, 1946 - June 12, 2005

Angelia Rider Strickrott, 58, a native of Churubusco and a resident of Fort Wayne, died at 12:40 p.m. Sunday, June 12, 2005, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. She had been taken there on Saturday from her residence after suffering an apparent respiratory arrest.

She was born in Wolf Lake on Nov. 4, 1946, a daughter of Warren F. and Helen G. (Egolf) Rider. She spent her formative years in Churubusco, was educated in the Smith-Green Community Schools and had lived at her current residence in Fort Wayne for the past 38 years. She attended Resurrection Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne.



Strickrott

Survivors include son, Adrian Strickrott II of Fort Wayne; two daughters, Donita (Tom) Garrison of Angola and Melissa Reed of West Lafayette; two sisters, Joyce Wilcox of Fort Wayne and Marilyn (Douglas) Rimmel of Churubusco; and four grandchildren.

Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Thursday, June 16, 2005, at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with visitation one hour prior to service. The Rev. Forrest Van Gundy, pastor of Resurrection Lutheran Church, will be officiating. Burial will be at the family plot at Eberhard Cemetery, Columbia Township.

J. Eileen (Gipe) Fox, 84

June 5, 2005

J. Eileen (Gipe) Fox, 84, died June 5, 2005, at Flemington, N.J.

She was born in Whitley County and graduated from Columbia City High School in 1940. She was employed by *The Post & Mail* before leaving for New York in 1945. In New York, she worked for Goold & Tierney Advertising located in the Empire State Building.



Fox

In 1950, she was united in marriage to Jack Fox and moved to South Orange, N.J., where she resided for over 48 years, then moved to Flemington, N.J. in 2005. She was a member of several bridge clubs.

Survivors include two sons, Brian Fox and Terry (Debbie Harrington) Fox, both of Oneonta, N.Y.; two daughters, Kristy (Arthur) Fox Berman of Neshanic Station, N.J. and Laurel (Dennis) Mead of Waitsfield, Vt.; four sisters, Evelyn (Gipe) Tolliver of Fort Wayne, Helen (Gipe) Hazen of Columbia City, Dortha Mae (Gipe) Marsh of Columbia City and Carol (Gipe) Bower of Clemmons, N.C.; brother,

William (Bill) Gipe of Fort Wayne and three grandchildren. She was preceded in death by husband, Jack Fox in 1982 and sister Bonita H. (Gipe) Miller of Goshen.

Services were held on June 9, 2005, at the Preston Funeral Home in South Orange, N.J. Burial was with the Fox family and husband in New Jersey.

Robert Courtland Carpenter, 81

Oct. 13, 1923 - June 11, 2005

Robert Courtland Carpenter, 81, died Saturday, June 11, 2005, at University Park Nursing Center in Fort Wayne.

He was born on Oct. 13, 1923, in New Castle, to Orville and Myrtle (Hewitt) Carpenter.

He was a psychologist with Ft. Wayne Development Center and had a private practice. He was a member of Phi Delta Theta Fraternity and the Indiana Psychologists Association. He liked to read books about the brain, psychology, philosophy and books by author, J. Krishnamurti.

Survivors include his wife, Rita Carpenter of Fort Wayne; two sons, Courtland Carpenter and James (Sharon) Carpenter, both of Fort Wayne; daughter, Mary Nolan of Fort Wayne; four grandchildren; three brothers, Walter Carpenter of Houston, Texas, Rexford Carpenter and Dr. Randall Carpenter, both of Columbia City and sister, Emily Deutsch of Columbia City. He was preceded in death by three brothers, L. Hewitt Carpenter, O.O. Carpenter, Jr. and Hoyt Carpenter and two sisters, Margaret Murray and Mary Carpenter.

Funeral service is 1 p.m. Sunday, June 19, 2005, at the home of Gary and Emily Deutsch, 2350 W. Lincolnway, Columbia City. Arrangements are by D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., Fort Wayne.

Jack L. Bishop, 79

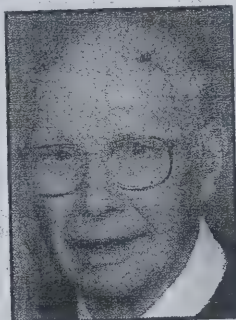
Nov. 21, 1925 - June 14, 2005

Jack L. Bishop, 79, a lifelong resident of South Whitley, died at 10:03 p.m. Tuesday, June 14, 2005, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne, where he was admitted on May 9, 2005.

He was born Nov. 21, 1925, in South Whitley, a son of Clair C. and Georgia D. (Rubrake) Bishop. He completed his education at South Whitley High School.

On Dec. 7, 1942, he enlisted in the United States Navy, serving on the U.S.S. Mobile CL-63 during World War II. He was honorably discharged March 22, 1946.

He was united in marriage to Miriam J. Herr on March 14, 1947. They always made their home in South Whitley.



Bishop

A meat cutter for Bayman Food Bank for 13 years, he was also employed at Carey Construction for seven years, South Whitley Trucking 18 years and retired from Johnson Brothers Sign Company in 1987 with three years of service.

His memberships include South Whitley United Methodist Church, South Whitley Lions Club, Cleveland Township Advisory Board, Habitat for Humanity, Clear Creek Golf Club and U.S. Cruiser Sailors Association.

Survivors include his wife, Miriam; son, Timothy L. Bishop of Kenosha, Wis.; daughter, Patricia J. (Mark) Wheeler of Pleasant Mills, Mo.; eight grandchildren; seven great-grandsons; two brothers, Larry Bishop of Huntington and John Bishop of South Whitley and two sisters, Doris Brandenburg of South Whitley and Eunice Ware of Indianapolis. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Robert Bishop and Max Bishop and a sister, Clarice Drake.

Funeral service is 10:30 a.m. Saturday, June 18, 2005, at South Whitley United Methodist Church, 6685 West State Road 14, South Whitley, with visitation one hour prior to service. The Rev. Paul Burris, church pastor, will be officiating. Visitation is also from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, June 17, at Smith & Sons Miller Chapel, South Whitley. Burial is at South Whitley Cemetery. Military honors will be presented at the cemetery by a U.S.



Navy Detail. Memorials may be given to South Whitley United Methodist Church or South Whitley Lions Club. Condolences may be sent to www.smithandsonsfuneralhome.com.

Knecht service

The graveside funeral service for Betty I. Knecht, 82, was on Thursday, June 7, 2005, at Greenhill Cemetery with the Rev. James Haugen, pastor of Zion Lutheran Church officiating.

Casketbearers were Benjamin Knecht, James Knecht, Robert Reilly, Robert Johnson and Seth Hicks.

Mrs. Knecht, the widow of Ralph J. Knecht and mother of Kathryn (Jay) Knisely, Virginia Fulton, Sarah (Robert) Reilly, Benjamin (Gina) Knecht and James Knecht, died Saturday, June 4, 2005.

Arrangements were completed by Smith & Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City.

Simmons service

The funeral service for Everett G. (Eddie) Simmons, 83, was at noon on Saturday, June 11, 2005, at Smith & Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City with the Rev. J. Phillip Blake officiating.

A variety of selections played during the prelude and postlude included *The Best of Jim Nabors* and the *Navy Hymn*.

The committal service followed at Covington Memorial Gardens, Fort Wayne. Casketbearers were Christopher Sexton, Benjamin Sexton, Travis David, Joel Snyder, Chris Snyder and Kevin Snyder.

The American Legion Post 98 presented military honors at the cemetery. Bill Wheeler served as commander and Dean Ramsey as chaplain. The color squad included Frank Daniels as commander, Homer Wells, Paul Thompson and Ray Gilbert. The firing squad included Bill Hare as commander, Ted Hare, Bob Hearld, Paul Brower and Larry Jones. Bill Hare was the bugler.

Mr. Simmons, the widower of Beulah M. (Marrs) Simmons and father of Peggy David and Melody Sexton, died Tuesday, June 7, 2005.

John H. Halt, Jr., 35

March 26, 1970 - June 16, 2005

John H. Halt Jr., 35, died at 10:40 a.m. Thursday, June 16, 2005, at his residence in Fort Wayne.

He was born to John H. and Andrea D. (Cleland) Halt on March 26, 1970 at Whitley County Memorial Hospital in Columbia City. He spent his formative years in Etna Troy and Jefferson Township in Whitley County. He graduated from Columbia City Joint High School.

He was employed at WalMart in Fort Wayne for five years and had been employed at Kraft Foods in Kendallville for the past eight years.

Surviving relatives include his parents, John and Andrea Halt of Columbia City; a son, Zachary Halt of Fort Wayne; twin sisters, Julie (Tige) Longenbaugh of Columbia City and Jodie (Shawn) Eaken of Fort Wayne; three nephews and two nieces.

The funeral service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, June 21, 2005, at Smith & Sons Funeral Home with Mary Jo Mikulski, associate of ministry at Grace Lutheran Church, officiating. The burial will be in South Park Annex Cemetery. The visitation will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to the Humane Society of Whitley County. Condolences may be sent through www.smithandsonsfuneralhome.com.

Leslie Jefferson Dile, 79

April 14, 1926 - June 18, 2005

Leslie Jefferson Dile, 79, of Pierceton, died at 5:45 a.m. Saturday, June 18, 2005, at his residence.

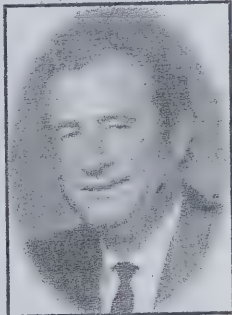
Born April 14, 1926, in Greenburg, Ky., he was the son of Jeffrey and Sarah (Wooter) Dile.

On July 6, 1946, he was united in marriage to Alley Wilnah Coulter.

He was a self-employed contractor and also worked at Endicott Church Furniture and Da-Lite Screen, both of Warsaw. He was a resident of Kosciusko County for the past 50 years. He attended Dutchtown Brethren Church, Warsaw, and was a member of Eagles Aerie 1339, Warsaw and Eagles Aerie, Columbia City.

Survivors include his wife, Alley W. Dile of Pierceton; son, Tony Dile of Pierceton; three daughters, Peggy (Dan) Jones LaTurner of Churubusco, Vickie Krom of Auburn and Joanie (Bruce) Foreman of Pierceton; eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; eight brothers and three sisters.

Funeral service will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday, June 21, 2005, at Titus Funeral Home, 2000 E. Sheridan St., Warsaw, with visitation one hour prior to service. Pastors Steve Eckert and Joe Laher will be officiating. Visitation will also be from 3 to 7 p.m. today, at the funeral home. Burial will be at Hillcrest Cemetery, Pierceton. Memorials may be given to Kosciuszko Home Care & Hospice, P.O. Box 1196, Warsaw, IN 46581-1196 or to the Dile Family, c/o Alley W. Dile, 5165 E. 100 S. Pierceton, IN 46562.



Dile

M.J. (Michael James) Miller, 26

Dec. 9, 1978 - June 17, 2005

M.J. (Michael James) Miller, 26, died Friday, June 17, 2005, in Columbia City.

Born Dec. 9, 1978, in Columbia City, he was the general manager with K.A.M. Group.

Survivors include his wife, Danielle N. (Worthman) Miller of Columbia City; daughter, MaKenna L. Miller of Columbia City; parents, Kent and Deborah Miller and Deidre and Randall Bockelman, all of Columbia City; three brothers, Andrew A. Miller of Fort Wayne, Taylor S.

Bockelman and Logan J. Bockelman, both of Columbia City; two step-brothers, Toby (Carmen) Keister and Bret Keister, both of Columbia City; grandparents, Charles A. and B. Virginia Miller of Columbia City, Frank and Shirley Neidigh of Columbia City, and Delbert (Ginny) Robinson of Columbia City.

Visitation is from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, June 21, 2005, at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Rd., Fort Wayne. Funeral Service is 1 p.m. Wednesday, June 22, at the funeral home, with visitation one hour prior to service. Burial will be at Eel River Cemetery, South of Churubusco. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to the MaKenna L. Miller Education Fund.



Miller

Roger L. Robbins, 82

Feb 27, 1923 - June 18, 2005

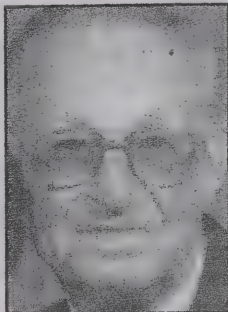
Roger L. Robbins, 82, of Columbia City, died at 6 a.m. Saturday, June 18, 2005, at his home.

He was born in Washington Township on Feb. 2, 1923, to Roscoe Victor and Edith Cecil (Lee) Robbins. He lived his entire lifetime in Whitley County, except his time with the United States Navy, serving during WWII on a Navy destroyer and two years in California. He graduated from Washington Center High School with the Class of 1943.

On Jan. 31, 1943, he was united in marriage to Harriet N. Phillips at Greentown United Methodist Church. She died Sept. 21, 1990. On

Sept. 1, 1991, he was united in marriage to his second wife, Clairene "Susan" Gilliam Smith in Columbia City.

He was a general farmer and first worked for the Pennsylvania Railroad, then drove a bulk tanker for Inland Trucking, owned and operated the Cities Service Gas Station "Citgo" from 1963-1969, worked for the U.S. Postal Service, Columbia City office, first as a sub rural carrier, however most of his career was at the mail window, where he retired in 1988. During his retirement years, he worked part-time as a deliveryman for McGregor's Furniture. He was a member of Columbia City United Methodist Church and a former member of American Legion Post 98, Eagles Lodge 1906 and the Masonic Lodge, all of Columbia City, and the Scottish Rite of Fort Wayne.



Robbins

John W. Musser, 81

July 25, 1923 - June 17, 2005

John W. Musser, 81, of Plymouth, died Friday, June 17, 2005, at Pilgrim Manor Nursing Center, Plymouth of natural causes.

He was born July 25, 1923.

Survivors include four daughters, Kathleen Lemmon of Fort Wayne, Sandra (Richard) Harris and Jacquie Sons, both of Plymouth, and Mary (Dallas) Lortie of Albion; two sisters, Una Ringer and Kay (Earl) Getts, both of Kendallville; 11 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Funeral service will be 10 a.m. Tuesday, June 21, 2005, at Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth. Visitation will also be from 4 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home. Burial will be at Bremen Cemetery, Bremen. Memorials may be given to the Marshall County Hospice.



Survivors include his wife, Clairene "Susan" Robbins of Columbia City; two daughters, Cheryl (Steve) Wood of Maumee, Ohio and Marsha (Jerry) Baumgartner of Lebanon; son, Les Robbins of Dallas, Texas; step-daughter, Jacqueline (Steve) Springer of Indianapolis; three step-sons, Gregory Smith of Geneva, Patrick Smith of Toledo, Ohio and James Smith of New Orleans, La.; brother, Dwight Robbins of Ocala, Fla.; three granddaughters; five step-grandchildren; five great-grandchildren and five step-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; his first wife, Harriet N. Robbins; two brothers, Harold Eugene Robbins and William Loren Robbins.

Visitation will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. today at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Dr., Columbia City. Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, June 21, 2005, at Columbia City United Methodist Church, 605 Forest Parkway, Columbia City, with visitation one hour prior to service. Pastors Phil Blake and Paul Arnold will be officiating. Burial will be at Greenhill Cemetery, Columbia City. Memorials may be given to the Columbia City United Methodist Church Building Fund. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home. To send condolences to the family, sign the guest register or to light a memorial candle, please visit www.demoneygrimes.com.

Jacqueline "Jackie" M. Hilbert, 69

Jan. 29, 1936 - June 18, 2005

Jacqueline "Jackie" M. Hilbert, 69, of Columbia City, died at 8 a.m. Saturday, June 18, 2005, at her son's home in rural Columbia City.

She was born in Marion, Grant County, on Jan. 29, 1936, to Estel W. and Eva Marie (Crawford) Hartley. She lived in St. Louis for six years, then moved to Fort Wayne in 1960. In 1989, she lived in Van Wert, Ohio, until moving to Whitley County with her son in April, 2005. She graduated from Washington High School in Marion.



Hilbert

On Sept. 18, 1954, she was united in marriage to John F. Hilbert in Angola and worked as a dog breeder for the Sheltie breed for 25 years.

Survivors include her two sons, F. Steven (Debra) Hilbert of Columbia City and Christopher N. Hilbert of Fort Wayne; two brothers, William E. (Glenda) Hartley of Indianapolis and Raymond S. (Priscilla) Hartley of Lagrange and sister, Edith M. Cramer of Gas City. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, John F. Hilbert; son, Matthew T. Hilbert and sister, Mary Rose Sinclair.

Visitation will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. today at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Dr., Columbia City. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, June 21, 2005, at the funeral home with Parkview Whitley Home Health Care and Hospice Chaplain Ken Weaver officiating. Burial will be at South Park (Annex) Cemetery, Columbia City. Memorials may be given to the American Cancer Society. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home. To send condolences to the family, sign the guest register or to light a memorial candle, please visit www.demoneygrimes.com.

Estella J. Slater, 100

Sept. 7, 1904 - June 18, 2005

Estella J. Slater, 100, of Leo, died Saturday, June 18, 2005, at The Cedars, Leo.

Born Sept. 7, 1904, in Fort Wayne, she was the daughter of Albert Tracy and Nora (Godfrey) Tracy. She was a homemaker and a member of First Missionary Church.

Survivors include two sons, Rev. Richard (Gwen) Slater of Missouri and Edward (Joan) Slater of Leo; daughter, Norma (Ron) Routhier of Florida; 10 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Harry W. Slater, in 1972; daughter, Sharon Stiver, in 2005; seven sisters and three brothers.

Funeral service is 11 a.m. Wednesday, June 22, 2005, at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Rd., Fort Wayne. Visitation is from 2:30 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, June 21, at the funeral home. Burial is at Lindenwood Cemetery, Fort Wayne. Memorials may be given to First Missionary Church, The Cedars, or Heartland Home Health Care & Hospice.

The following obituary is being reprinted to correct a date
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Roger L. Robbins, 82

Feb 2, 1923 - June 18, 2005

Roger L. Robbins, 82, of Columbia City, died at 6 a.m. Saturday, June 18, 2005, at his home.

He was born in Washington Township on Feb. 2, 1923, to Roscoe Victor and Edith Cecil (Lee) Robbins. He lived his entire lifetime in Whitley County, except his time with the United States Navy, serving during World War II on a Navy destroyer and two years in California. He graduated from Washington Center High School with the Class of 1943.



On Jan. 31, 1943, he was united in marriage to Harriet N. Phillips at Greentown United Methodist Church. She died Sept. 21, 1990. On Sept. 1, 1991, he was united in marriage to his second wife, Clairene "Susan" Gilliam Smith in Columbia City.

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Robbins

Survivors include his wife, Clairene "Susan" Robbins of Columbia City; two daughters, Cheryl (Steve) Wood of Maumee, Ohio and Marsha (Jerry) Baumgartner of Lebanon; son, Les Robbins of Dallas, Texas; step-daughter, Jacqueline (Steve) Springer of Indianapolis; three step-sons, Gregory Smith of Geneva, Patrick Smith of Toledo, Ohio and James Smith of New Orleans, La.; brother, Dwight Robbins of Ocala, Fla.; three granddaughters; five step-grandchildren; five great-grandchildren and five step-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; his first wife, Harriet N. Robbins; two brothers, Harold Eugene Robbins and William Loren Robbins.

The funeral service is at 11 a.m. today at Columbia City United Methodist Church, 605 Forest Parkway, Columbia City, with visitation one hour prior to service. Pastors Phil Blake and Paul Arnold will officiate. Burial is at Greenhill Cemetery, Columbia City.

Memorials may be given to the Columbia City United Methodist Church Building Fund. Envelopes are available at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Dr., Columbia City. To send condolences to the family, sign the guest register or to light a memorial candle, please visit www.demoneygrimes.com.

Renschler service

The funeral service for Helen M. Renschler, 73, was Friday, June 17, 2005 at Smith and Sons Miller Chapel, South Whitley, with Pastor Chad Burkhardt officiating.

A variety of hymns were played during the prelude and postlude. "Walk With You" was

played before the service. "You Were Loved" was played during the service and "Go Rest High On That Mountain" was played at the conclusion of the service.

The committal service followed at South Whitley Cemetery. Casketbearers were Dennis Norris, Darrell Norris, Terry Ulshafer, Harold Brandenburg, Thomas Able, Alan Robbins, Dan Vandewalle and Ben Ryan.

Mrs. Renschler, widow of Howard M. "Slim" Renschler and mother of Michael (Linda) Renschler, Charles Renschler, Dennis Renschler and Deborah (David) Wiehe, died Monday, June 13.

William Melvin Hall, 42

Oct. 9, 1962 - June 14, 2005

William Melvin Hall, 42, of South Whitley, died at 6:42 p.m. Tuesday, June 14, 2005, at Kosciusko Community Hospital in Warsaw.



Born on Oct. 9, 1942 in Compton, Calif., he was a son of William Frederick and Carolyn Sue (McCord) Hall. As a young child, he lived in California from 1962 to 1966, then moved to Kalamazoo, Mich. from 1966 to 1992. He moved to South Whitley in October of 1992.

He attended Kalamazoo Center High School in Kalamazoo and served in the National Guard at Fort Jackson, S.C. in 1981.



Hall

He worked at Heater's Engineering in South Whitley and North Webster, now known as DEKKO, from October 1994 until January 2005 when his health failed and he could no longer work. He was baptized in the Baptist Church.

Among survivors are his parents, William and Carolyn Sue Hall of Columbia City; two brothers, Archie M. (Connie M.) Hall and David M. Hall, both of Columbia City; a grandmother, Ruth M. Hall of Gobles, Mich.; six nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by an infant sister.

At Mr. Hall's request there is no visitation or service. To light a memorial candle in Mr. Hall's memory visit www.demoneygrimes.com.

Arrangements are by DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home in Columbia City.

Bishop service

The funeral service for Jack L. Bishop, 70, was Saturday, June 18, 2005 at South Whitley United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Paul Burris officiating.

Hersel Cremean's played a variety of hymns during the prelude and postlude. Congregational hymns were "How Great Thou Art," "There's Something About That Name" and "In This Very Room." The recessional began with "The Navy Hymn."

The committal service followed at South Whitley Cemetery. Casketbearers were Tom Rudd, Carrol Stiles, Joe Rex, Brian Bishop, Larry Bishop and Floyd Brandenburg. John Bishop served as honorary casketbearer.

A detail from the United States Navy presented military honors.

Mr. Bishop, husband of Miriam J. (Herr) Bishop and father of Timothy L. Bishop and Patricia L. (Mark) Wheeler, died Tuesday, June 14.

Arrangements were completed by Smith and Sons Miller Chapel in South Whitley.

Kurczewski service

The graveside service for Edward Z. Kurczewski, 83, was at noon Saturday, June 18, 2005 at St. Matthew's Cemetery.

Mr. Kurczewski, husband of Beatrice Kurczewski and widower of Mary K. (Smith)

Kurczewski, died Sunday, May 1 in Inverness, Fla.

Arrangements were completed by Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City.

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William Melvin Hall, 42

Oct. 9, 1962 - June 14, 2005

William Melvin Hall, 42, of South Whitley, died at 6:42 p.m. Tuesday, June 14, 2005, at Kosciusko Community Hospital in Warsaw.

Born on Oct. 9, 1962 in Compton, Calif., he was a son of William Frederick and Carolyn Sue (McCord) Hall. As a young child, he lived in California from 1962 to 1966, then moved to Kalamazoo, Mich. from 1966 to 1992. He moved to South Whitley in October of 1992.

He attended Kalamazoo Center High School in Kalamazoo and served in the National Guard at Fort Jackson, S.C. in 1981.

He worked at Heater's Engineering in South Whitley and North Webster, now known as DEKKO, from October 1994 until January 2005 when his health failed and he could no longer work. He was baptized in the Baptist Church.

Among survivors are his parents, William and Carolyn Sue Hall of Columbia City; two brothers, Archie M. (Connie M.) Hall and David M. Hall, both of Columbia City; a grandmother, Ruth M. Hall of Gobles, Mich.; six nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by an infant sister.

At Mr. Hall's request there is no visitation or service. To light a memorial candle in Mr. Hall's memory visit www.demoneygrimes.com.

Arrangements are by DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home in Columbia City.



Hall

Camiel R. Striker, 57

June 17, 2005

Camiel R. Striker, 57, died Friday, June 17, 2005, at his residence in Columbia City.

Born in Fort Wayne, he was a Disabled veteran. He was a U.S. Army Veteran and member of Amvets 55.

Survivors include a son, Nathan C. Striker of Columbia City; two daughters, Jessica A. and Leslie A. Striker, both of Fort Wayne; father

Raymond DeWhisplear of Lakeville; and brothers Dennis Striker of Baltimore, Md., William Striker and Gregory Striker, both of Fort Wayne. He was preceded in death by his wife, Margie A. Striker and mother, Ruth Tumbleson.

The funeral service is 2 p.m. Friday, June 24, 2005, at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Rd., Fort Wayne. Visitation is from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the funeral home. Burial is at Suburban Bethlehem Lutheran Cemetery. Memorial donations accepted.



Hilbert service

Reverend Ken Weaver officiated at the funeral service for Jacqueline "Jackie" M. Hilbert, 69, on Tuesday, June 21, 2005, at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home. Organ prelude included "The Old Rugged Cross" and "Wind Beneath My Wings" by Carla Blakely with a recorded selection of "My Heart Will Go On" by Celine Dion and "Amazing Grace" played during silent remembrances. A video celebrating the life of Mrs. Hilbert was shared before family and friends were dismissed.

Casketbearers were Scott Fletcher, Robert Cramer, Steve Hilbert, friends and relatives. Burial was at South Park (Annex) Cemetery in Columbia City.

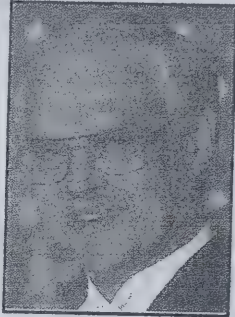
Mrs. Hilbert, mother of F. Steven Hilbert and Christopher Hilbert, died on Saturday, June 18, 2005.

James Kirk Western, 53

Feb. 28, 1952 - June 21, 2005

James Kirk Western, 53, a resident of Etna-Troy Township, died at 8:15 p.m. Tuesday, June 21, 2005, of complications from prostate cancer. He was surrounded by his family.

He was born Feb. 28, 1952, in Wolf Lake, a son of Paul Edwin and Nancy Lee (Wolfe) Western. He was educated in the Etna-Troy Elementary School and graduated from Columbia City Joint High School. He received his degree from Denver Automotive and Diesel College in Denver, Colo. He began his employment at Brookside Lincoln Mercury in Fort Wayne in 1971 until 1973.



Western

On Jan. 29, 1973, he enlisted in the United States Army National Guard, Indiana unit. Later in 1973, he moved to Carlsbad, Calif. and was employed at the Ford dealership, returning to Indiana in 1975. He was honorably discharged

Sept. 28, 1978.

He had owned and operated Western's Garage for the past 30 years. He also established Western's Hardwoods and grafted specialized hardwoods from seedlings, further developing the Western Homestead off 400 North.

On Oct. 20, 2000, he was united in marriage to Joan E. Hurley.

Survivors include his wife, Joan; two daughters, Holly H. (Chad) Fry and Ashley B. Western; three step-daughters, Gina R. (Andy) Vanderford, Kristal N. (Travis) Stahl and Carly E. Hively; mother, Nancy Western and brother, John Western, all of Columbia City. His father, Paul Western, preceded him in death.

Funeral service will be 2 p.m. Sunday, June 26, 2005, at Trinity Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 709 West Business 30, Columbia City, with visitation one hour prior to service. The Rev. Linn Bartling will be officiating. Visitation will also be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday, June 25, at Smith & Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City. Burial will be at Adams Cemetery. Memorials may be given to Trinity Evangelical Presbyterian Church or Etna United Methodist Church.

Halt service

The funeral service for John H. Halt Jr., 35, was on Tuesday, June 21, 2005, at Smith & Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City, with Mary Jo Mikulski, associate in ministry at Grace Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne, officiating.

A variety of selections were played during the prelude and postlude including "Wind Beneath My Wings," "One More Day" by Diamond Rio and "What A Friend We Have In Jesus."

The committal service followed at South Park Annex Cemetery. Casketbearers were David Sharp, Craig Whonsetler, Richard Runkle, Kristopher Mullins, Todd Longenbaugh and Nick Longenbaugh.

Mr. Halt, father of Zachary Halt, son of John and Andrea Halt and brother of Julie (Tige) Longenbaugh and Jodie (Shawn) Eaken, died Thursday, June 16, 2005.

Morgan Zaida Ross, infant

May 9, 2005 - June 22, 2005

Morgan Zaida Ross, 43 day old daughter of James R. Ross and Sheena M. Walter, died Wednesday, June 22, 2005, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was born May 9, 2005, in Lutheran Hospital.

Survivors include her parents, James Ross and Sheena Walter of South Whitley; grandparents, Laura Ross, John Ross and Frank Walter, all of South Whitley and great-grandparents, Herb and Nancy Cole of North Manchester, Bonnie Ross of South Whitley, Arthur and Netha Walter of South Whitley and Barbara Rider of Larwill. Her grandmother, Tammy Walter, preceded her in death.

Funeral service will be 11 a.m. Friday, June 24, 2005, at Smith & Sons Miller Chapel, South Whitley, with visitation one hour prior to service. The Rev. Jack Scott will be officiating. Burial will be at South Whitley Cemetery. Memorials may be given to Lutheran Hospital Neonatal Intensive Care Unit or Children's Hope Hospitality House. Condolences may be sent to www.smithandsonsfuneralhome.com.

Robbins service

Pastors Phil Blake and Paul Arnold officiated at the funeral service for Rodger L. Robbins, 82, on Tuesday, June 21, 2005, at Columbia City United Methodist Church. Barb Siler included "Holy, Holy, Holy," "On Eagles Wings" and "Hymn of Promise" in the organ prelude. Thad and LuAnn Coverstone shared a vocal duet of "In The Garden."

Casketbearers were Jeremy Sheets, Jerry, Jacob, Jonathan and Joshua Long, Doug Niest, Bob McGregor and Dick Cira. Burial was at Greenhill Cemetery in Columbia City.

Mr. Robbins, a former Columbia City postal service employee and husband of Clairene "Susan" Robbins and father of Cheryl A. Wood, Marsha Baumgartner and Les Robbins, died Saturday, June 18, 2005, at his home. Services were arranged by DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home.

The following obituary is being reprinted due to an omission.—LB

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On Jan. 29, 1973, he enlisted in the United States Army National Guard, Indiana unit. Later in 1973, he moved to Carlsbad, Calif. and was employed at the Ford dealership, returning to Indiana in 1975. He was honorably discharged Sept. 28, 1978.

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On Oct. 20, 2000, he was united in marriage to Joan E. Hurley.

Survivors include his wife, Joan; two daughters, Holly H. (Chad) Fry and Ashley B. Western; three step-daughters, Gina R. (Andy) Vanderford, Kristal N. (Travis) Stahl and Carly E. Hively; two grandchildren; two step-grandchildren; mother, Nancy Western and brother, John Western, all of Columbia City. His father, Paul Western, preceded him in death.

Funeral service will be 2 p.m. Sunday, June 26, 2005, at Trinity Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 709 West Business 30, Columbia City, with visitation one hour prior to service. The Rev. Linn Bartling will be officiating. Visitation will also be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday, June 25, at Smith & Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City. Burial will be at Adams Cemetery. Memorials may be given to Trinity Evangelical Presbyterian Church or Etna United Methodist Church.



Western

Esther L. Leatherman, 71

Feb. 2, 1934 - June 23, 2005

Esther L. Leatherman, 71, of Albion, died Thursday, June 23, 2005, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was born Feb. 2, 1934, to Denver and Velma (McClain) Winebrenner in Columbia City. She grew up in Avilla and graduated from Avilla High School in 1952. She moved to Albion in 1957, and was an administration clerk for the USDA.

On July 30, 1966, she was united in marriage to Lee Leatherman at the Lutheran Church in Columbia City.

Survivors include her husband, Lee Leatherman of Albion; sister, Edna L. Genth of Columbia City, one niece and nephew. She was preceded in death by her parents and three cousins.

Funeral service is 11 a.m. Saturday, June 25, 2005, at Brazzell Funeral Home Albion Chapel, with visitation one hour prior to service. The Rev. Tom Ebbing will be officiating. Burial will be at Christian Chapel Cemetery in Merriam. Preferred memorials may be given to the American Cancer Society.

Dorothy L. Fulk, 78

June 23, 1927- June 24, 2005

Dorothy L. Fulk, 78, a resident of Jefferson Township, died Friday, June 24, 2005, at Parkview Whitley Hospital in Columbia City, where she was admitted the day before. She had been a resident at The Oaks Living Center for the past two weeks.

She was born June 23, 1927, in Allen County, a daughter of Carl and Clara (Thiele) Felger. She spent her formative years in Arcola, and she graduated from Arcola High School.

On June 28, 1947, she was united in marriage to Lawrence H. "Larry" Fulk. They spent most of their married life in Jefferson Township, where she served as clerk of the township for 12 years while her husband was trustee. She was also a Tupperware sales representative for 20 years and volunteered at Heartland Hospice for five years.

She was a member of Hope Lutheran Church.

Surviving relatives include two sons, Rie Fulk of Columbia City and Tim (Carla) Fulk of South Whitley; a daughter, Jody (Mitch) Patrick of Columbia City; nine grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Her husband died in 1994. She was also preceded in death by a son, Dennis Fulk; a brother, Merle Felger and a sister, Helen Johnson.

The funeral service will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, June 27, 2005, at Smith & Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with the Rev. Judith Follis, pastor of Hope Lutheran Church, officiating. The burial will be in Eel River Cemetery near Churubusco. The visitation will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to Hope Lutheran Church.

Condolences may be sent to www.smithandsonsfuneralhome.com.

Thomas E. "Meatball" Brewster, 37

Feb. 7, 1968 - June 24, 2005

Thomas E. "Meatball" Brewster, 37, a resident of rural Fort Wayne, died at 4:02 p.m. Friday, June 24, 2005, in the emergency room at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was born Feb. 7, 1968, a son of Donald T. and Kay L. (Easterly) Brewster.

On Aug. 14, 1993, he was united in marriage to Tina A. "Chris" Scott. He was a lifelong resident of Fort Wayne and worked as a dump truck driver for Corner Stone Trucking before his health forced him to quit in 2000. He was a member of Lake Chapel United Methodist Church.

Survivors include his wife, "Chris" Brewster; mother, Kay L. Brewster; three children, Nicholas A. Brewster, Andrea N. Brewster and Robert A. Ruch, all of Fort Wayne. He was preceded in death by his father, Donald T. Brewster, in 2002.

Arrangements were entrusted to the Sheets and Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco. At the request of the family, there will be no viewing hours or services. For those who wish, memorials may be directed to the family. Condolences may be e-mailed to the family at sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

Leta Bernice (Keel) Shriver, 82

Oct. 7, 1922 - June 26, 2005

Leta Bernice (Keel) Shriver, 82, a resident of Cleveland Township, died at 12:10 p.m. Sunday, June 26, 2005, at her home.

She was born Oct. 7, 1922, in Pleasant Township, Wabash County, a daughter of Harry and Grace (Hay) Keel. She graduated from South Whitley High School in 1940.

On April 4, 1943, she was united in marriage to Philip C. Shriver. They have always made their home on a farm just outside of South Whitley.

She was employed at Virgil Heinselman's locker and G & G Grocery in South Whitley. Her memberships include the South Whitley United Methodist Church.

Survivors include her husband, Philip; and brother, Wilson Keel of South Whitley. She was preceded in death by four brothers, LaMorne Keel, Esta Keel, George Keel and John Keel; and

three sisters, Trella Duff, Anna Keel and Etta Keel.

Funeral service will be 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, June 29, 2005, at Smith & Sons Miller Chapel, South Whitley, with the Rev. Paul Burris, pastor of South Whitley United Methodist Church officiating. Visitation will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home. Burial will be at South Whitley Cemetery. Memorials may be given to South Whitley United Methodist Church or Parkview Home Health & Hospice.



Shriver

Phillip Elwood Nulf, 72

July 12, 1932 - June 25, 2005

Phillip Elwood Nulf, 72, a resident of Albion, died at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, June 25, 2005, at his residence.

He was born in Noble County on July 12, 1932 to Kenneth Ivan and Mabel Viola (Reed) Nulf.

He lived his entire lifetime in Noble County, graduating from Wolf Lake High School. He married Sheila Louise Foor in Albion and was a construction worker, general farmer and retired from Viking Incorporated, Columbia City, in the maintenance department.

Survivors include wife, Sheila Louise Nulf of Albion; two step-daughters, April (Brad) Gerard of Columbia City and Amy Shatzer of Noble County; step-son, Eddie Shatzer of Albion; sister, Evelyn (Harold) Gorra of Kimmell; two brothers, David (Nancy) Nulf of Syracuse and Marion (Helen) Nulf of Roswell, N.M. and six step-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Donald Nulf.

At Mr. Nulf's request, there will be no visitation or service. To light a memorial candle in Mr. Nulf's memory, please visit www.demoneygrimes.com. Services were arranged by DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Dr., Columbia City.

Rev. Donald Garner Smith Sr., 66

Oct 28, 1938 - June 27, 2005

The Rev. Donald Garner Smith Sr., 66, a resident of Union Township, died at 2:15 p.m. Monday, June 27, 2005, at Renaissance Village in Dunfee, where he was transported from Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne earlier in the afternoon.

He was born Oct. 28, 1938, in Howell, Livingston County, Mich., a son of Charles Elimore and Alice Marion (Bradley) Smith. His formative years were spent in Howell, Mich., moving to Kansas City, Mo., his senior year of high school to live with his brother, George. He graduated from Paseo High School.



Smith

On Aug. 1, 1958, he was united in marriage to Shirley Arlene Bucknell. They made their home in Kankakee, Ill., until moving to Milan, Ill., where Rev. Smith graduated from Francis Asbury Bible College in the spring of 1963. His pastoral commitments of 41 years were in Omaha, Neb.; Oelrichs, S.D.; Houston, Texas; Gallatin Gateway, Mont.; Tomball, Texas; Lynn and Knightstown. For the past 19 years, he was pastor at the Tomball Bible Holiness Church of Tomball, Texas.

Survivors include his wife, Shirley; two sons, Dr. Donald G. (Bessie) Smith of Columbia City, and Rev. Daniel G. (Sharon) Smith of Tonawanda, N.Y.; two daughters, Alice M. Freer of Penns Creek, Pa. and Martha (Jason) Smith of Maceline, Mo.; 12 grandchildren and brother, George (Patricia) Smith of Wolverine, Mich.

Funeral service will be 2 p.m. Friday, July 1, 2005, at Pilgrim Holiness Church, 1516 Ardmore Ave., Fort Wayne, with visitation one hour prior to service. Visitation will also be from 3 to 7 p.m. Thursday, June 30, at Smith & Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City. Burial will be at Union Township Cemetery. Memorials may be given to

Evangelistic Faith Missions. Condolences may be sent to www.smithandsonsfuneralhome.com.

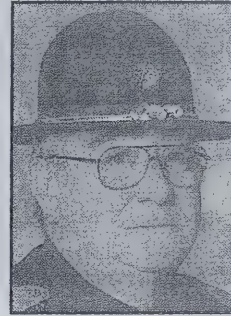
Paul J. Meitz, 67

Feb. 7, 1938 - June 24, 2005

Paul J. Meitz, 67, of Fort Wayne, died Friday, June 24, 2005, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was born Feb. 7, 1938, in Grand Rapids, Mich., the son of Paul and Dora Meitz.

He served in the U.S. Army and was employed as a quality control engineer at Dana Corporation, retiring after more than 30 years of service. He worked for Light & Bruening after retirement.



Meitz

He was a member of Masonic Lodge 510, Eel River and the Whitley County Sheriff Reserve.

Survivors include son, Paul Chad (Cora) Meitz of Fort Wayne; three daughters, Tammy (Jeff) Kumfer of Columbia City, Wendi (Tim) Burkhart of Churubusco and Dawn (Jim Sanders) Meitz of Fort Wayne; mother of the children, Sharon Freon; seven grandchildren; sister, Lynda (Robert) Ault of Fairbanks, Ala. and brother, John (Susan) Meitz of El Cajow, Calif. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral service will be 11 a.m. Saturday, July 2, 2005, at Trinity English Lutheran Church, Krauss Chapel, 405 W. Wayne St., Fort Wayne, with visitation one hour prior to service. Visitation is also from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, July 1, at Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, 6131 St. Joe Rd., Fort Wayne. Burial will be at Covington Memorial Gardens. Memorials may be given to the Fort Wayne Children's Zoo or the Heart Association.



Mary Jo "MJ" Priest, 68

Nov. 27, 1936 - June 28, 2005

Mary Jo "MJ" Priest, 68, of Columbia City, died at 2:35 p.m. Tuesday, June 28, 2005, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was born in Columbia City on Nov. 27, 1936, to Earl E. and Okla "Lana" (Ramsey) Fisher. She lived in Columbia City until 1955, then moved to Chicago, Ill. She returned to Columbia City September 1990.

She graduated from Columbia City High School with the Class of 1954. She attended the Violet Reinwald School of Dance in Fort Wayne from 1940-1952, then the Jeanne Lemert School of Dance, also in Fort Wayne, from 1952 to 1954, where she sang, tapped, toe and ballet danced group and solo reviews and yearly charity shows. She also attended Northwestern University School of Speech in Evanston, Ill. from 1954 to 1955, Patricia Steven's Modeling and Merchandising School, where she received her merchandising degree, from 1955 to 1960, Jimmy Payne School of Dance from 1955 to 1957 and the Dick Marx School of Voice.

On October 1963, she was united in marriage to Wayne F. Priest, then divorced in June 1984. She worked in Chicago, Ill., at the Quaker Oats Company from 1955 to 1956, Clinton E. Frank, Inc., from 1956 to 1967, served as a room mother, Boy Scout Leader and assisted with the Blue and Gold dinners in Chicago from 1967 to 1983, the Salesman Only Company, Rosemont, Ill., from 1984 to 1985, radio station WYEN-FM, Des Plaines, Ill., in 1985, and F.P. Feature Products Inc. USA, Arlington Park, Ill., from 1985 to 1990. When she returned to Columbia City, she was employed at Whitley Trailer Court Sales, South Whitley, from 1991 to 1993, 1st Automated Source Inc., Fort Wayne, from 1994 to 2002, and CTD Marketing Inc., from 2002 to 2004.



Priest

Western service

The funeral service for James K. Western, 53, was Sunday, June 26, 2005, at Trinity Evangelical

Presbyterian Church with the Rev. Linn Bartling officiating. Kay Hurley, a sister-in-law, shared words of remembrance. A CD of remembrance created by Stephanie Furnas was also shared.

Lori Reynolds played the piano prelude and postlude. Lisa Shisler sang "On Eagle's Wings" during the service. The hymn of closing was "Amazing Grace."

The committal service followed at Adams Cemetery. Casketbearers were Leroy Waugh, Jim Schrimper, Ryan Walter, Tom Western, John Western, Larry Moore, James Waugh, George Waugh and Paul Schuman.

Mr. Western, the husband of Joan E. (Hurley) Western, father of Holly H. (Chad) Fry and Ashley B. Western and step-father of Gina R. (Andy) Vanderford, Kristal N. (Travis) Stahl and Carly E. Hively, died Tuesday, June 21, 2005.

Arrangements were completed by Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City.

She was a member of Chicago Association of the National Dance Masters of America and Academy of Television Arts and Sciences.

Survivors include son, Jason Todd Priest and grandson, Aden Todd Priest, both of Fort Worth, Texas; uncle, Orval (Pauline) Fisher of Columbia City and aunt, Lucille (Don) Rondot of Fort Wayne. She was preceded in death by her parents; son, Curtis Fisher Priest and sister, Angelee Fisher.

Visitation will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. today at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Dr., Columbia City. Funeral service will be 10 a.m. Friday, July 1, at the funeral home with Pastor Barry Faucett of New Hope Wesleyan Church officiating. Burial will be at Greenhill Cemetery in Columbia City. Memorials may be given to the American Cancer Society, Visiting Nurse Service and Hospice in Fort Wayne, American Heart Association, Lighthouse of Columbia City or Paralyzed Veterans. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home. To send condolences to the family, sign the guest register book or to light a memorial candle, please visit www.demoneygrimes.com.

Fulk service

The funeral service for Dorothy L. Fulk, 78, was Monday, June 27, 2005, at Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with the Rev. Judith Follis, pastor of Hope Lutheran Church officiating.

Bernice Lauer played a variety of hymns during the organ prelude and postlude including "How Great Thou Art," "Little Brown Church In The Wildwood" and "Just A Closer Walk With Thee." Mrs. Lauer sang "One Day At a Time" to begin the service. Jeni Bolinger and Brittany Fulk, granddaughters, sang "I'll Fly Away" during the service.

The committal service followed at Eel River Cemetery. Grandchildren serving as casketbearers were Seth Fulk, Angie Fulk, Shelby Fulk, Cheyenne Carpenter, Cody Carpenter, Shane Carpenter, Shawna Simmons, Jennifer Bolinger, Andy Bolinger, Brittany Fulk, Aric Ramsey and Lindy Johnson.

Mrs. Fulk, the widow of Lawrence H. Fulk, died Friday, June 24, 2005.

Ross service

The funeral service for Morgan Zaida Ross, 43-days -old, was Friday, June 24, 2005, at Smith and Sons Miller Chapel, South Whitley, with the Rev. Jack Scott officiating.

A variety of children's hymns were played during the prelude and postlude.

The committal service followed at South Whitley Cemetery. Casketbearers were her uncles.

Miss Ross, the daughter of James R. Ross and Sheena M. Walter, died Wednesday, June 22, 2005.

Sharon "Sherry" Emrick, 63

Dec. 9, 1941 - June 28, 2005

Sharon "Sherry" Emrick, 63, of Fort Worth, Texas, died Tuesday, June 28, 2005, at her home.

She was born Dec. 9, 1941, in Albion, the daughter of Paul Templin Lawson and Betty Jane (Grimes) Lawson. She had lived in Indiana from 1941 to 1976, then in Missouri from 1976 to 1983 and finally moved to Texas in 1983.



Emrick

She was retired from General Motors and was a member of Zion Lutheran Church. She enjoyed shopping, dancing, camping, garage sales, traveling, writing and spending time with her family.

Survivors include her three sons, Dean Arlen Terman Jr. of Churubusco, Steven Douglas (Ronda Renee) Emrick of Rhome, Texas and David Lee (Georgia) Emrick of Corrollton, Texas; brother, Anthony (Deana) Lawson of Hanna, Wyo.; sister, Kathy Lawson of Laramie, Wyo.; and five grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents and three brothers, Paul Lawson, Vern Allen Lawson and Steven Douglas Lawson.

Funeral service will be 2 p.m. Tuesday, July 5, 2005, at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, 705 S. Main St., Ligonier, with visitation four hours prior to service. Burial will be at Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell.

Ethel M. Piper, 97**May 12, 1908 - June 30, 2005**

Ethel M. Piper, 97, died at 8:34 p.m. Thursday, June 30, 2005, at Timbercrest Healthcare Center in North Manchester.

Born on May 12, 1908, in South Whitley, she was a daughter of Reuben and Cinderella (Kreider) Bentz.

She was married to Walter Ray Piper on Nov. 4, 1925. He died April 26, 1997.

A homemaker, she had worked at the former G.C. Murphy Dime Store and Heckman Bindery at North Manchester. A member of Manchester Church of the Brethren, she was an avid banjo player and a health care representative at Timbercrest Healthcare Center.

Survivors include sons, Virgil Ray Piper of Winona Lake, Duane Eugene Piper and Max Lamar Piper, both of North Manchester; 20 grandchildren; 44 great-grandchildren and 14 great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by a son, Paul Dean Piper, three brothers and five sisters.

The funeral service is at 11 a.m. Tuesday, July 5 at Timbercrest Chapel in North Manchester, with Pastor Brian Daniels officiating. Calling is 1 to 5 p.m. Monday at DeLaughter-McKee Mortuary North Manchester Chapel. Calling is also one hour prior to the service at Timbercrest Chapel on Tuesday. Burial is at Pleasant Hill Cemetery, North Manchester.

Memorials may be directed to Heifer Project International, P.O. Box 767, Goshen, IN 46526.

**Piper****Lloyd Foulks, 80****1925 - June 30, 2005**

Lloyd Foulks, 80, died Thursday, June 30, 2005 at his home in Columbia City. Born in Yoder, he was a conductor with the Pennsylvania Railroad for 40 years.

He was a U.S. Navy veteran and a member of American Legion Post #47.

Survivors include his son, Chad (Kimberly) Foulks of Columbia City; daughter, Vicky (Louis) Levinson of Clarence, N.Y.; five grandchildren; sister, Marcele Davis of Fort Wayne and sister-in-law, Rachel Riegler of Lima, Ohio.

Funeral Services are at 1 p.m. Tuesday, July 5 at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road in Lima, Ohio, with calling two hours prior. The burial will be in St. Matthews Cemetery in Lima, Ohio.

Memorials should be directed to Parkview Whitley Home Health Care & Hospice.

Priest service

Pastor Barry Faucett officiated at the funeral service for Mary Jo Priest, 68, on Friday at DeMoney Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home in Columbia City.

The organ prelude included "Memories of You," "Among My Souvenirs," "Lord of the Dance," with "Beautiful Dreamer" as a special selection and "How Great Thou Art" as postlude by Evelyn Stemen. A video celebrating the life of Mary Jo was shared before family and friends were dismissed.

Casketbearers were Keith Cox, Otto Boggs, Steve Rondot, Larry Fisher, Dean Allen Ramsey and Charles "Chuck" Cooperidder. Burial was at Greenhill Cemetery in Columbia City.

Mrs. Priest, mother of Jason Todd Priest and grandmother to Aden Todd Priest, died Tuesday, June 28.

Mildred G. Smith, 96

Feb. 13, 1909 - July 3, 2005

Mildred G. Smith, 96, a former resident of Albion and retired Noble County deputy auditor, died at 1:45 a.m. Sunday, July 3, 2005, at Renaissance Village Nursing Home, Whitley County. Although she had been in declining health, she had only been seriously ill for the past week.

**Smith**

Born on Feb. 13, 1909, in Albion, a daughter of John and Nellie (Wilks) Stevenson, her formative years in Albion, she graduated from Albion High School in 1927.

As a young woman, she attended beauty school in Fort Wayne and prior to her marriage had worked in the offices of the beauty school.

On Aug. 29, 1938, she was united in marriage to Clayton E. Smith in Kendallville. The couple spent all of their married lives in Albion and following her marriage she was employed as a beauty operator for a period of time.

She served as the Noble County deputy auditor for 31 years, retiring in 1974.

Mr. Smith preceded her in death on May 22, 1995, and in 1996 she moved to Churubusco to be near her daughter.

A member of Asbury United Methodist Church in Albion, she attended the Merriam Christian Chapel for the past several years and was past worthy matron of Albion Order of the Eastern Star 178.

Survivors include a daughter, Ann (Max) Herendeen of Churubusco; a son, Steven (Retha) Smith of Knoxville, Tenn.; 11 grandchildren; 37 great-grandchildren and seven great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by two sisters, Florence Parker and Hazel Haffner and three brothers, Charles Stevenson, Bruce Stevenson and Russell Stevenson.

The funeral service is 2 p.m. Wednesday, July 6 at Merriam Christian Chapel, with Pastor Terry L. Zolman officiating. The family will receive friends from 2 to 8 p.m. today, or at the church one hour prior to the service. Interment is at Rose Hill Cemetery, Albion.

For those who wish, memorials may be directed to Asbury United Methodist Church, the Merriam Christian Chapel, or Parkview Home Health & Hospice.

Condolences may be e-mailed to the family at sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

Shriver service

The funeral service for Leta Bernice Shriver, 82, was Wednesday, June 29, 2005, at Smith and Sons Miller Chapel, South Whitley, with the Rev. Paul Burris, pastor of South Whitley United Methodist Church, officiating.

A variety of hymns were played during the prelude and postlude.

The committal service followed at South Whitley Cemetery. Casketbearers were Jim Dishong, Randall Reichard, Stan Reiff, Roger Keel, Kenneth Keel and Roy Jackson.

Mrs. Shriver, wife of Philip C. Shriver, died June 26.

Smith service

The funeral service for the Rev. Donald Garner Smith Sr., 66, was Friday, July 1, 2005, at Pilgrim Holiness Church in Fort Wayne, with the Revs. Vernon Shockley, Daniel G. Smith and Orba J. "Buddy" Perry officiating. Dr. Donald G. Smith Jr. provided the eulogy.

The Rev. Keith Asbury played a variety of hymns during the prelude and postlude. The Rev. and Mrs. Jeral Davis sang "Anywhere With Jesus" and "My Heavenly Father Watches Over Me." The Rev. Lindell Howard sang "Higher Ground." The congregational hymns were "Holiness Unto the Lord" and "It Is Well With My Soul."

The committal service followed at Union Township Cemetery, with the congregation singing "Amazing Grace." Casketbearers were Jason Smith, George Smith, Leroy Freer, James Luna, the Rev. Lindell Howard and the Rev. Orba J. "Buddy" Perry.

The Rev. Smith, husband of Shirley Arlene (Bucknell) Smith, and father of Dr. Donald G. (Bessie) Smith, Alice M. Freer, Martha (Jason)

Smith and the Rev. Daniel G. (Sharon) Smith, died June 27.

James H. Nitz, 67

Oct. 22, 1937 - July 1, 2005

James H. Nitz, 67, a resident of rural Fort Wayne, died at 4:35 p.m. Friday, July 1, 2005 at the family residence in Lake Township. He had been in declining health since April.

Born on Oct. 22, 1937, in Lake Township, Allen County, a son of Harry J. and Erma (Kettleborough) Nitz, his formative years were spent in Lake Township and he was educated in the Arcola School.

On July 26, 1958, he was married in Fort Wayne to Dorothy M. Busche and they spent most of their married life in Lake Township.

Employed at Fortmeyer's Tire Center in Fort Wayne for more than 40 years, he retired in 1995.

A member of Suburban Bethlehem Lutheran Church, he served as a volunteer at New Creations in Fort Wayne and enjoyed woodworking in his leisure time.

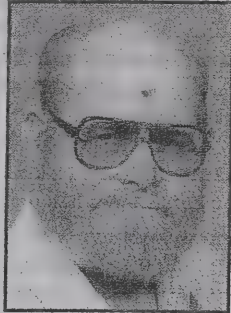
Survivors include his wife, Dorothy; a son, William J. Nitz of Columbia City; a daughter, Peggie Lynn Coburn of Fort Wane; a sister, Grace Favory of Fort Wayne; four grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers, George Williams and Clair Williams.

The funeral service is at 11 a.m. Wednesday, July 6, at Suburban Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 6318 W. California Rd., with Pastor Greg Klotz officiating, assisted by Vicar Dennis Wenholtz. The family will receive friends from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. today at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco, or at the church one hour prior to the service. Interment is at Eel River Cemetery, Allen County.

For those who wish, memorials may be directed to Suburban Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Worship for Shut-Ins, or to the donor's choice.

Condolences may be e-mailed to the family at sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.



Nitz

Russell S. 'Pete' Terman, 95

May 13, 1910 - July 2, 2005

Russell S. "Pete" Terman, 95, retired Etna Troy Township farmer, died at 9:48 a.m. Saturday, July 2, 2005, at Miller's Merry Manor in Columbia City.

Born in Whitley County on May 13, 1910, a son of Ollie A. and Charlena H. (Adams) Terman, his formative years were spent on a farm in Etna Troy Township and he graduated from Larwill High School.

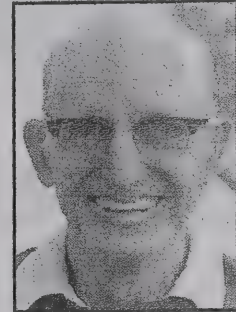
On Sept. 18, 1931, he was united in marriage to Anna B. Tannehill. They made their first home on a farm in Richland Township and since 1934 they made their home on a farm in Etna-Troy Township at Troy Cedar Lake. Mrs. Terman preceded him in death on April 27, 2001.

Survivors include two sons, Don (Carol) Terman and Dean Terman, both of Columbia City; 10 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

A graveside service is at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, July 6, at the Adams Cemetery with the Rev. Curtiss Johnson officiating. Visitation is from 9 to 11 a.m. Wednesday at Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to Parkview Home Health and Hospice.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.smithandsonsfuneralhome.com.



Terman

Paul 'Pill' Hunnicutt, 88

April 14, 1917 - July 4, 2005

Paul "Pill" Hunnicutt, 88, of Columbia City, died at 2:26 p.m. Monday, July 4, 2005, at The Oaks in Columbia City.

Born on April 14, 1917, in Huntington County, he was a son of Jesse and Hazel (Edgar) Hunnicutt.

He married Hazel M. Finney on May 20, 1939, in Huntington. She died Oct. 7, 1999.

Mr. Hunnicutt retired in 1975 from Majestic Co., where he worked for more than 23 years in the maintenance department.

A World War II Army veteran, he was a member of V.F.W. Post 2689 in Huntington.

Survivors include two daughters, Kay (Mickey) Nevil of Columbia City and Janice Hunnicutt of Peoria, Ariz.; a sister, Doris (Robert) DeArmond of Fort Myers, Fla.; four grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by five brothers, Ralph Hunnicutt, Cecil Hunnicutt, Jessie Hunnicutt Jr., Fritz Hunnicutt and John Hunnicutt; and two sisters, Ruth Hill and Martha Mae Hunnicutt.

There is no visitation. A graveside service is at 2 p.m. Thursday, July 7, at Gardens of Memory, Huntington County, with the Rev. Stephen Stull officiating. V.F.W. Post 2689 of Huntington will perform military graveside rites.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in memory of Paul E. Hunnicutt may be made to the Alzheimer's Association in care of Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Huntington, IN 46750.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.baileylove.com.



Sue Lawshe, 61

Aug. 21, 1943 - July 4, 2005

Sue Lawshe, 61, of Cleveland Township, died Monday afternoon, July 4, 2005, at her home. She had been in failing health.

Born on Aug. 21, 1943, in Marshall, Mich., a daughter of Sandy and Polly (Hunter) Justice, her formative years were spent in Martin, Ky. She graduated from Martin High School and later Caney Junior College in Hazard, Ky.

In 1962 she moved to Warsaw and began her employment with United Telephone Company, retiring in 1979. She then moved to Fort Wayne in 1980 until moving to Snow Lake, Fremont in 1989. She had been wintering in Bull Head City, Ariz., since 1995. In 1999 she moved to the South Whitley area, residing at her present home since 2002.

Surviving relatives include her companion, Bill Fremion of South Whitley; a daughter, Shanda Leann (Chris) Sanchez of Warsaw; three grandchildren; three sisters, Cassie Justice of Martin, Nancy Taylor of Perry, Fla., and Saran Fitch of Martin; and a brother, Jim Justice of Warsaw.

Her parents preceded her in death.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Condolences may be sent to www.smithandsonsfuneralhome.com.

Arrangements by Smith and Sons Miller Chapel, South Whitley.



Lawshe

Virginia L. Smith, 67

Dec. 18, 1937 - July 4, 2005

Virginia L. Smith, 67, died Monday, July 5, 2005, at her home in Fort Wayne.

Born in Warsaw on Dec. 18, 1937, she was a psychiatric aid with Fort Wayne Development Center for 39 years, retiring in 1996.

She was a member of New Hope Community Church.

Among survivors are two nephews, Jeff Hull and Terry (Joyce) Hull, both of Columbia City; good friends and caregivers, Ruth and Leo Hile of Fort Wayne; and adopted mother, Helen Boggs of Swanton, Ohio.

She was preceded in death by her husband Billy Smith in 1989, two brothers and three sisters.

The funeral service is at 10 a.m. Friday, July 8, at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., Fort Wayne. Calling is from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Burial is at Highland Park Cemetery.

Memorials may be directed to the donor's choice of charity.

Betty Jean Trump, 74

Sept. 25, 1930 - July 6, 2005

Betty Jean Trump, 74, of Columbia City, died at 7:10 p.m. Wednesday, July 6, 2005 at St. Joseph Medical Center in Fort Wayne.

Born in Great Falls, Mont., on Sept. 25, 1930, a daughter of John Wesley and May (Salin) Treager Sr., she grew up in Fort Wayne. She graduated from Wolf Lake High School with the Class of 1947.



Trump

She married Robert L. Trump on Dec. 11, 1948 in Fort Wayne. After her marriage she resided at Big Lake for seven years then moved to Columbia City where she resided the remainder of her lifetime. Mr. Trump preceded her in death.

She worked at Ennis Restaurant in Columbia City as a waitress and the GNC Store, Fort Wayne, as a store clerk.

She was a member of Church of God in Fort Wayne.

Survivors include two sons, Steven M. (Debra) Trump and Richard L. (Monica) Trump both of Churubusco; a daughter, Sandra K. Trump of Columbia City; 10 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; a sister, Mary Lou Terry of Glendale, Calif.; and a sister-in-law, Phyllis Crace of Columbia City.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by a daughter, Virginia Coco; a sister, Barbara M. Brady, and two brothers, John Wesley Treager Jr. and Roger C. Treager.

Visitation is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday, July 10, at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Drive in Columbia City. The funeral service is at 11 a.m. Monday at the funeral home with Pastor Lowell Blackwell officiating. Burial is at Riverview Cemetery, Churubusco.

Memorial bequests may be given in Mrs. Trump's memory to either the American Heart, American Lung or the American Diabetes Association. Envelopes are available at the funeral home.

To send condolences to the family, sign the guest register or to light a memorial candle in Mrs. Trump's memory, please visit www.demoneygrimes.com.

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She was a member of Church of God in Fort Wayne.

Survivors include two sons, Steven M. (Debra) Trump and Richard L. (Monica) Trump both of Churubusco; a daughter, Sandra K. Trump of Elkhart; 10 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; a sister, Mary Lou Terry of Glendale, Calif.; and a sister-in-law, Phyllis Crace of Columbia City.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by a daughter, Virginia Coco; a sister, Barbara M. Brady, and two brothers, John Wesley Treager Jr. and Roger C. Treager.



Trump

Visitation is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday, July 10, at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Drive in Columbia City. The funeral service is at 11 a.m. Monday at the funeral home with Pastor Lowell Blackwell officiating. Burial is at Riverview Cemetery, Churubusco.

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Sunshine Sweet, 93

Sept. 13, 1911 - July 9, 2005

Sunshine Sweet, 93, of Columbia City, formerly of Fort Wayne, died Saturday, July 9, 2005.

Born Sept. 13, 1911 in Linville, Ky., she was a homemaker.

A member of Coventry Baptist Church, she was a loving mother and grandmother to daughter Lillie Ann (Buddy) Mills of Fort Wayne; six grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren and nine great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Kenneth Sweet, four sisters and six brothers.

A private service will be held, with burial at Covington Memorial Gardens.

Arrangements are by Elzey-Patterson-Rodak Home for Funerals, 6810 Old Trail Road, Fort Wayne.

David H. White, 91

Aug. 14, 1913 - July 9, 2005

David H. White, 91, a resident of Columbia City, and formerly of Blue Lake near Churubusco, died at 7:40 p.m. Saturday, July 9, 2005, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. He had been in declining health for some time and was taken to the hospital on Saturday where he died shortly after admission.



Born on Aug. 14, 1913 in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, he was a son of Carl and Angeline (Hunter) White. As a child, the family moved to Fort Wayne.

A U.S. Army World War II veteran, he had lived at Blue Lake from 1980 until moving to Columbia City in 1995.

Employed at Joslyn Steel in Fort Wayne for 25 years, he retired from there in 1976 and was the former secretary of Steel Workers Union Local 14.

Surviving relatives include a daughter, Sidney K. Cookson of Columbia City, with whom he made his home, and a granddaughter.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers; a sister and a grandson.

A private graveside service is at Monroeville Memorial Cemetery in Monroeville, with the Rev. Rick Van Horn, pastor of Believer's Bible Fellowship, officiating. Interment will follow.

At the request of the family there are no calling hours.

Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be e-mailed to the family at sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

Trump service

Pastor Lowell Blackwell officiated at the funeral service for Betty Jean Trump, 74, on Monday, July 11, 2005 at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home in Columbia City.

Organist Evelyn Stemen included "Sunrise, Sunset," "Wings of a Dove" and "The Lord Is My Shepherd" in the prelude, with "Constantly Abiding" as postlude. Danielle Bazeley played a violin solo of "Wind Beneath My Wings" and Monica Trump sang vocal solos of "The Rose" and "How Great Thou Art," with family and friends giving personal reflections. A video celebrating the life of Betty was shared before friends were dismissed to the Angel of Hope Memorial Garden for releasing the bird of peace ceremony.

Casketbearers were John Coco, Michael and Brian Trump, David Hosted, Donte Price, Shawn Gibson, David Crace and Mike Brady. Burial was at Riverview Cemetery, Columbia City.

Mrs. Trump, mother of Steven M., Richard L. and Sandra K. Trump, died Wednesday, July 6.

Sharon A. Hatfield, 65

June 25, 1940 - July 12, 2005

Sharon A. Hatfield, 65, of Columbia City, died at 2:45 a.m. Tuesday, July 12, 2005, at Canterbury Nursing and Rehab Center in Fort Wayne.

Born in Whitley County on June 25, 1940, a daughter of Earl and Dorothy (Ness) Scott, she was a lifetime resident of the county and graduated from Columbia City Joint High School in 1958.

She married Richard E. Hatfield on Nov. 14, 1959 at Coesse United Methodist Church.

A homemaker, she was a member of Jehovah's Witness Kingdom Hall, Columbia City.

Survivors include her husband; a daughter, Cynthia Harden of Fort Wayne; two brothers, Richard (Betty) Scott and Wayne (Marilyn) Scott, both of Fort Wayne; a sister, Kay (Ron) Coolman of Roanoke; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Visitation is from 2 to 4 p.m. Friday, July 15, at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Drive in Columbia City. The funeral service is at 2 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home with Richard Dellinger of Jehovah's Witness Kingdom Hall officiating. Burial is at Nolt Cemetery, Columbia City.

Memorial bequests may be given in Mrs. Hatfield's memory to Jehovah's Witness Kingdom Hall, Columbia City. Envelopes are available at the funeral home.

To send condolences to the family, sign the guest register or to light a memorial candle in Mrs. Hatfield's memory; please visit www.demoneygrimes.com

**Hatfield****Helen Yontz Ledgerwood, 85**

Feb. 8, 1920 - June 21, 2005

Helen Yontz Ledgerwood, 85, of Virginia Beach, Va., died June 21, 2005, in Virginia Beach.

Born on Feb. 8, 1920, in Columbia City, a daughter of Fred and Merle Yontz, she graduated from Columbia City High School in 1938. She attended MacMurray college and graduated with

a nursing degree from Evanston Hospital in Evanston, Ill.

She was employed as a nurse at Linvill Memorial Hospital in Columbia City prior to her marriage to Robert Ledgerwood. They lived in Uniontown, Ohio, for many years where she was an active member of the Lutheran Church. For more than 20 years she conducted a weekly craft class for senior citizens. The couple, retired to North Carolina in the '70s.

Survivors include three sons, John (Valerie) Ledgerwood of Virginia Beach; David (Gina) Ledgerwood of Orlando, Fla.; and Tom (Kim) Ledgerwood of San Diego, Calif.; a sister, Gayle Zwissler of Oceanside, Calif.; a sister-in-law, Jane Shephard of Mesa, Ariz.; eight grandchildren and five nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband and a brother, Robert Yontz.

A funeral service was held in Virginia Beach, with burial to be in Uniontown, Ohio, at a later date.

Condolences may be made at www.hollomon-brown.com or to The Ledgerwood Family at 3304 Par Dr., Oceanside, CA 92056.

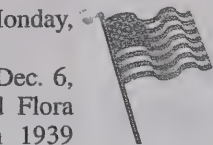
David Ralph 'Boag' Johnson, 83

Dec. 6, 1921 - July 11, 2005

David Ralph "Boag" Johnson, 83, of Warsaw, beloved husband of MaryEllen for the past 61 years, died on Monday, July 11, 2005.

Born in Huntington on Dec. 6, 1921, a son of David and Flora Johnson, he graduated in 1939 from Union Center.

After serving in the U.S. Army, he graduated from Huntington College in 1947. He played professional basketball for the Anderson Packers and the Fort Wayne Zollner Pistons from 1948 to 1952. In 1964, he was nominated for the Silver Anniversary Basketball Team and was Huntington College Alumnus of the Year. He was elected to the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame in 1995.



Johnson

"Boag" coached varsity basketball at Columbia City High School from 1952 to 1957, and was athletic director from 1958 to 1960. He moved to Warsaw and coached the Tigers from 1961 to 1971. He taught physical education, health & safety, driver's training, and served as a guidance counselor. He initiated the buildings trade program at Warsaw Community High School. He retired in 1985.

His hobby was carpentry. He built all the homes he lived in since 1968, plus assisted family and friends with their projects.

He is survived by his wife, MaryEllen (Robinson) Johnson; three daughters, Jorie (James) Webster of Warsaw; Kristine (Larry) Ummel of Kimmell, and Leslie (Ray) Barna of Vandalia, Mich.; a son, Greg Johnson of Warsaw; two sisters, Martha Burnau and Dorothy Tuggle, both of Warsaw; six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two sisters, a brother, and his oldest son, David Johnson.

"Boag" loved his family and his country. He

served in Europe during World War II and was a member of American Legion Post 49 of Warsaw. He was known to say that he had lived a great life and would not change a thing.

To celebrate his life, a tribute service is at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 16, at Titus Funeral Home in Warsaw, with Dick Kehoe officiating. Visitation is from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Burial is at Oakwood Cemetery, with military graveside service conducted by American Legion Post 49 and V.F.W. 1126.

For those who prefer, memorials may be made to the American Heart Association, Midwest Affiliate Memorial & Tributes, Lockbox 3816 Paysphere Circle, Chicago, IL 60674.

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Sharon A. Hatfield, 65

June 25, 1940 - July 12, 2005

Sharon A. Hatfield, 65, of Columbia City, died at 2:45 a.m. Tuesday, July 12, 2005, at Canterbury Nursing and Rehab Center in Fort Wayne.

Born in Whitley County on June 25, 1940, a daughter of Earl and Dorothy (Ness) Scott, she was a lifetime resident of the county and graduated from Columbia City Joint High School in 1958.

She married Richard E. Hatfield on Nov. 14, 1959 at Coesse United Methodist Church.



Hatfield

A homemaker, she was a member of Jehovah's Witness Kingdom Hall, Columbia City.

Survivors include her husband; a daughter, Cynthia Harden of Fort Wayne; two brothers, Richard (Betty) Scott and Wayne (Marilyn) Scott, both of Fort Wayne; a sister, Kay (Ron) Coolman of Roanoke; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Visitation is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, July 15, at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Drive in Columbia City. The funeral service is at 2 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home with Richard Dellinger of Jehovah's Witness Kingdom Hall officiating. Burial is at Nolt Cemetery, Columbia City.

Memorial bequests may be given in Mrs. Hatfield's memory to Jehovah's Witness Kingdom Hall, Columbia City. Envelopes are available at the funeral home.

To send condolences to the family, sign the guest register or to light a memorial candle in Mrs. Hatfield's memory, please visit www.demoneygrimes.com.

Robert Lewis Blue, 54

May 18, 1951 - July 14, 2005

Robert Lewis Blue, 54, of Leesburg, died at 8:30 a.m. Thursday, July 14, 2005, at his home of natural causes as a result of a motorcycle accident several years ago.

Born in Warsaw on May 18, 1951, a son of Clarence L. and Juanita Joanne (Popenfoose) Blue, he graduated from Wawasee High School, Syracuse with the Class of 1969. He graduated from I.U.S.B. in 1997 with a B.A. and then received a master's degree in 1999.

He married Beverley J. (Hobbs) Coldren on May 1, 1982, at Epworth Forest in North Webster.

A lifetime resident of Leesburg, he was formerly employed in the inventory control department at DePuy, Warsaw and was an EMT volunteer with Tippecanoe and Multi-Township EMS.

He attended Calvary Baptist Church of Oswego and North Webster Church of God.

Among survivors are his wife, Beverley; three daughters, Melissa Blue of Winona Lake; Barbara (Steve) Tethrake of Collierville, Tenn.; and Rachael Blue of Leesburg; seven grandchildren; his father and step-mother, Clarence L. (Mae) Blue Jr., of North Port, Fla.; and a sister, Cynthia (Jim) Ellis of Warsaw.

Visitation is from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday, July 18, with the funeral service following at 1 p.m. at North Webster Church of God, 300 North Main St., North Webster, with Dr. Rick Smith of Oswego Baptist Church officiating. Burial is at Oswego Cemetery, Oswego.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the staff of DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Drive in Columbia City.

Memorial bequests may be given in Mr. Blue's memory to the Robert L. Blue Family Memorial Fund. Envelopes will be available at the church.

To send condolences to the family, sign the guest register or to light a memorial candle in Mr. Blue's memory, please visit www.demoneygrimes.com.

Agnes Mae Hollopeter, 89

Sept. 7, 1915 - July 13, 2005

Agnes Mae Hollopeter, 89, formerly of Churubusco, died Wednesday, July 13, 2005, in Grangeville, Idaho.

Born on Sept. 7, 1915, in Allen County, she a daughter of Ora and Myrtle (Hyndman) Giesecking.

She was united in marriage to Earl Freeman Hollopeter on June 4, 1938.

A member of First United Methodist Church of Pinellas Park, Fla., she was an elementary teacher for Churubusco and other Whitley County schools from the 1930s to the 1960s.

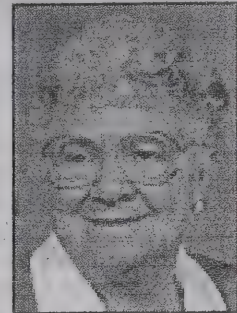
Survivors include a daughter, Earleen K. Michels of Irmo, S.C.; two sons, Dr. Wayne (Alexia) Hollopeter of Grangeville, Idaho; and John J. (Hannah) Hollopeter of Columbia City; and six grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Earl; a sister, Hilda Guiff and brothers, Lawrence and Clarence Giesecking.

The funeral service is at 10 a.m. Monday, July 17, at Sheets and Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco, with Pastor Larry Smith officiating. Burial will follow at Eel River Cemetery, south of Churubusco. The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday.

For those who wish, memorials may be directed to Srynga Hospital Intensive Care Unit in Grangeville, Idaho. Envelopes are available at the funeral home.

Condolences may be e-mailed to the family at sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.



Hollopeter

Bonnie Lou Egner, 65

July 10, 1940 - July 14, 2005

Bonnie Lou Egner, 65, of Columbia City, died at 1:29 p.m. on Thursday, July 14, 2005, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was born in Whitely County on July 10, 1940, to Jesse and Laura (Pheister) Braddock. She spent her lifetime in Whitley County and married Harold L. Egner on November 1, 1957, at Grace Lutheran Church in Columbia City by Rev. Graham L. Kleepsie.

**Egner**

She worked for several years at Columbia City Municipal Utilities, City Hall and was a waitress for 10 years; however, most of her life, she was a housewife and homemaker. She was a member of Thorncreek Bethel Church of God, the church's WCSC Group and a volunteer at Whitley County Life Center.

She is survived by two sons, Harold Egner and Timothy (Angie) Egner, both of Columbia City; two daughters, Patty Egner of Columbia City and Cindy (Jim) Crain of Sevierville, Tenn.; seven sisters, Betty (Frank) Dear, Frances (Glenn) Western, Dean (Pat) Bowman, Phyllis (Ernest) Bowsman and Sharon (Bob) Rucker all of Columbia City, Judy (Virgil) Fisher of Nappanee and Evelyn Egner of New Whiteland; 10 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, who passed away on October 10, 1994, and her parents.

Visitation will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 4 to 8 p.m. today and after noon on Sunday until the hour of the funeral service at 3 p.m. at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Dr., Columbia City, with Pastor Lannie D. Maloney officiating. Burial will be at Stough Cemetery, Columbia City.

Memorial bequests may be given in Mrs. Egner's memory to St. Jude's Children Hospital or Whitley County Life Center, Columbia City. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home.

To send condolences to the family, sign the guest register or to light a memorial candle in Mrs. Egner's memory, visit www.demoneygrimes.com.

Evelyn Joyce Egolf, 88

May 14, 1917 - July 16, 2005

Evelyn Joyce Egolf, 88, of rural Columbia City, died at 5:30 a.m. Saturday, July 16, 2005, at her son's home in Andrews, Huntington County.

Born on May 14, 1917, in Blackhawk County, Iowa, she was a daughter of William Petit and Fayra Marguerite (McBride) Barrett. She attended a one-room school through the eighth grade and graduated from Columbia City High School with the Class of 1935.

She married Cecil C. Egolf on May 19, 1935, in Goshen. He died May 13, 1987.

Her entire lifetime was spent in Whitley County where she assisted her husband on their family farm. She was a clerk for 15 years at Teghtmeyer's Ace Hardware, retiring in 1977.

She was a member of the Church of Our Glorious King in Huntington County, the NEO and the Ineabi Home Demonstration Club. Her hobbies included crocheting, traveling and crossword puzzles.

Survivors include two sons, Stanley (Barbara) Egolf of Andrews, and Dale (Tamara) Egolf of Columbia City; three daughters, Fayra Paulette Egolf of Greenwood; Lois (Michael) Scheer of Monticello, Utah, and Gale D. (Sonny) Hick of Tulsa, Okla.; a sister, Lorene Turner of Hurricane, Utah; two brothers, William D. (Myrtle) Barrett of Avilla, and Oakley C. (Clara) Barrett of Olivehurst, Calif.; 15 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; two step-grandchildren and 10 great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by a daughter, Shirley N. Markley, and two sisters, Shirley Blocker and Darlene Black.

Visitation is from 6 to 8 p.m. today and after 9 a.m. Tuesday at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Drive, Columbia City. The funeral service is at 10 a.m. Tuesday with Father Rick Leone of the Church of Our Glorious King officiating. Burial is at Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam, Noble County.



Egolf

Memorial bequests may be given in Mrs. Egolf's memory to Church of Our Glorious King Church, Huntington. Envelopes are available at the funeral home.

To send condolences to the family, sign the guest register or to light a memorial candle in Mrs. Egolf's memory, please visit www.demoneygrimes.com.

Margaret A. 'Motzie' Stratman Daniels, 77

Oct. 27, 1927 - July 16, 2005

Margaret A. "Motzie" Stratman Daniels, 77, a resident of Columbia City, died at 9:45 p.m. Saturday, July 16, 2005, at Lutheran Hospital. She was taken to the Fort Wayne hospital after suffering a stroke at her home one week ago.

Born on Oct. 27, 1927, in Evansville, a daughter of John and Julia (Reinhardt) Kissel, her formative years were spent in Evansville where her education was completed in the Catholic schools.



**Stratman
Daniels**

On June 21, 1947, she was united in marriage to John Robert Stratman and they made their home in Evansville until 1957 when they moved to Columbia City. Mr. Stratman died Aug. 28, 1968.

On Aug. 6, 1983 she was married to Charles R. Daniels and they made their home in Huntington for three years before moving to Columbia City.

Employed as a waitress at the 30 Club and The Alley, she also worked at the Bond Flex Company and retired from the Viking Corporation, all in Columbia City.

She was a member of St. Paul of the Cross Catholic Church and American Legion Post 98 Auxiliary.

Survivors include her husband, Chuck; two sons, Jerry (Mary Dygert) Stratman of Columbia City and Jeffrey (Jerri Harper) Stratman of Syracuse; a daughter, Beth Ann (Parke) Smith of North Webster; a grandson; a brother, Vic Kissel of Evansville; and two sisters, Betty Schapker of Evansville and Jeanne Mann of Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

She was preceded in death by her parents, five sisters and five brothers.

A memorial mass is at 11 a.m. Saturday, July 23, at St. Paul of The Cross Catholic Church in Columbia City, with Father Larry Kramer as officiant. There is no visitation. Burial is at St.

Phillips Cemetery in Evansville.

A Celebration of Motzie's life will immediately follow the funeral mass at the American Legion Post 98 in Columbia City.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to the Whitley County Senior Citizen's Center.

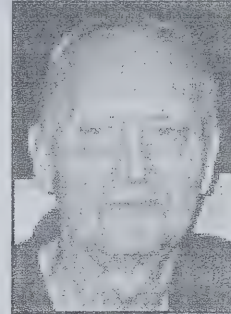
Funeral arrangements are by Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City.
www.smithandsonsfuneralhome.com.

Phil J. Johnson, 72

Sept. 27, 1932 - July 17, 2005

Phil J. Johnson, 72, a resident of Churubusco, died at 5:55 a.m. Sunday, July 17, 2005, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne following a lengthy illness. He had been in declining health for several years and had entered the hospital on Friday.

Born in Eel River Township in Allen County on Sept. 27, 1932, he was a son of Joseph H. and Marjorie (Ritchie)



Johnson

Johnson. His formative years were spent in rural Allen County and he graduated from Huntertown High School.

A retired postal worker, he was employed at the U.S. Postal Service in Churubusco for 32 years, retiring in 1996.

On Aug. 21, 1981 he was married to Gerri (Martin) Witham in Columbia City. She survives.

Also surviving are his children, Kim (Desiree) Johnson of Detroit; Julie (Tony) Johnson of Fort Wayne; Jennifer (Chris) Dunn, Janel Johnson and Justin Johnson, all of Churubusco; his sisters, Janet (Joe) Johnson of Fort Wayne; Janice (Tom) Roberson of Springfield, Ohio; and Mary (Roger) Jones of Churubusco; his brothers, Oscar Lee Johnson of Avilla and Herman Keith (Pat) Johnson of Fort Wayne; and three grandsons.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother and two sisters.

The funeral service is at 10 a.m. Thursday, July 21, at St. John Bosco Catholic Church in Churubusco, with Father Lourdino Fernandes officiating. The family will receive friends at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco from 2 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, with the Rosary recited at 8 p.m. Interment is at Ege Catholic Cemetery, Noble County.

For those who wish, memorials may be directed to the church for masses.

Condolences may be e-mailed to the family at sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

Lucy I. Schuman, 91

Aug. 21, 1913 -July 18, 2005

Lucy I. Schuman, 91, of Wolcottville, died Monday, July 18, 2005 at her residence.

Born on Aug. 21, 1913 in Columbia City, she was a daughter of Robert O. and Daisy (Reese) Spear.

She married Melvin F. Schuman on March 15, 1934 in Plymouth.

A member of South Milford United Methodist Church, she was a member of Friendship Club, The Flower Club, Violet Club, Homemakers Extension Club and was a former 4-H leader.

Survivors include her husband, Melvin; two daughters, Lois Daugherty of Huntington and Janice Schuman of South Milford; a son, Kay Leon Schuman of Fort Wayne; a sister, Erma Caley of Fort Wayne; three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

The funeral service is at 10 a.m. Friday, July 22, at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange; with the Rev. Barbara K. Cross officiating. Visitation is from 4 to 6 and 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home, 309 W. Michigan St., LaGrange. Committal service and burial is at 1 p.m. Saturday at Lakeview Cemetery, Kendallville.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to her church or Parkview Home Health and Hospice.

Condolences may be e-mailed to www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

Hatfield service

Richard Dellinger of Jehovah's Witness Kingdom Hall officiated at the funeral service for Sharon A. Hatfield, 65, on Saturday, July 16, 2005, at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home in Columbia City.

Special recorded selections were played.

Casketbearers were Charles Bolinger, Paul Price, Richard Ernst, Rob Laux, Gay Smith and David Rayner. Burial was at Nolt Cemetery, Columbia City.

Mrs. Hatfield, wife of Richard E. Hatfield and mother of Cynthia Harden, died Tuesday, July 12.

Blue service

Dr. Rick Smith officiated at the funeral service for Robert L. Blue, 54, on Monday, July 18, 2005, at North Webster Church of God.

Organist Gladys Culver included traditional hymns in the musical selections.

Casketbearers were Nathan blue, Scott Hardy, Jan Kiser, Bob Likens, Roger McCoy and Michael Ellison. Burial was at Oswego Cemetery, Oswego.

Mr. Blue, husband of Beverley J. Blue and father of Melissa Blue, Barbara Tetrake and Rachael Blue, died Thursday, July 14, at his home.

Services were arranged by DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home in Columbia City.

Justine 'Jeanne' Conet, 85

June 24, 1920 - July 19, 2005

Justine "Jeanne" Conet, 85, a resident of Columbia City, died at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 19, 2005, at Miller's Merry Manor in Columbia City where she had been a resident since Saturday.

Born on June 24, 1920 in Tacoma, Wash., she was a daughter of Harry and Margaret (Byers) King. At the age of five, her family moved to Chicago where she graduated from Parker High School. After high school, she moved to Phoenix, Ariz., where she met her husband.



Conet

On March 23, 1947, she was united in marriage to Ralph E. Conet and they made their home in Laguna Beach, Calif., for three years. In 1958 they moved to their home on a farm in Thorncreek Township, Whitley County. They moved to their present home in Columbia City in July 1998.

She was a bank teller in Phoenix and Columbia City, had worked at Blue Bell for a short time and also was a waitress.

Her memberships included Eagles 1906 Auxiliary, Sugar & Spice Home Demonstration Club, AARP and Whitley County Historical Society.

Surviving relatives include her husband, Ralph; two daughters, Margaret E. (Joe) Williams of Fort Wayne and Linda Fitzgerald of Oswego, Kan.; three grandsons; 13 great-grandchildren and eight great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to her father and mother, Margaret King Freund, she was preceded in death by four grandchildren and two sisters, Lois Havens and Shirley Garvin.

A memorial service is at 11 a.m. Saturday, July 23, at Grace Lutheran Church, 204 North Main St, Columbia City, with the Rev. Dr. C. James Cress officiating. Burial is at South Park Cemetery.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to the Humane Society of Whitley County, or donor's favorite charity.

Arrangements are by Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City.

Condolences may be sent to www.smithandsonsfuneralhome.com.

Marvin V. Clark, 74

Dec. 16, 1930 - July 20, 2005

Marvin V. Clark, 74, a former resident of Toledo and more recently of rural Churubusco, died at 8:17 a.m. Wednesday, July 20, 2005, at the home of his daughter east of Churubusco. Although he had been in declining health for some time, his death was unexpected.

Born on Dec. 16, 1930 in Toledo, a son of Emmanuel and Ada (Rose) Clark, his formative years were spent there.

As a young man he served with the U.S. Marine Corps during the Korean War. He was married to Patricia Miller on May 1, 1950.



A professional truck driver, he was a semi owner-operator until his retirement. Following his retirement from trucking, he worked as a courier for National City Bank in Toledo.

His wife preceded him in death. He moved from Toledo to Churubusco in August to live with his daughter.

In his leisure time he enjoyed fishing and spending time at Put-In-Bay.

Survivors include five daughters, Jennifer (Raymond) McCarthy of Churubusco, with whom he made his home; Terry (Vincent) Bronowski and Melanie (Tony) Carros, both of Toledo; Peggy Duvall of Perrysburg, Ohio; and Christine (Scott) Krohn of Fremont, Ohio; four sisters, Leona Summrel, Myrtle Zawooney and Doris Holden, all of Toledo; and Frances Grissom of Alabama; four brothers, Arden (Linda) Clark and Kenny (Karen) Clark, both of Fremont, Ohio; Robert Wayne (Louise) Clark of Toledo and Gale (Mary) Clark of Florida; nine grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by three brothers; a sister, and a grandson.

At the request of Mr. Clark, there will be no service or calling hours.

For those who wish, memorials may be directed to masses at Immaculate Conception Church, 434 Western, Toledo, Ohio 43609.

Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be e-mailed to the family at sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

Egner service

Pastor Lannie D. Maloney officiated at the funeral service for Bonnie Lou Egner, 65, on Sunday, July 17, 2005, at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home in Columbia City.

Organist Evelyn Stemen included "Because He Lives," "This World Is Not My Home" and "I'll Fly Away," with "When We All Get To Heaven" as postlude. Joni Egner sang a vocal solo of "Remember Me." A video tribute celebrating Bonnie's life was shared before dismissing family and friends.

Casketbearers were Tyson and Austin Crain, and Justin, Joni, JoLenna and Angie Egner. Burial was at Stough Cemetery, Columbia City.

Mrs. Egner, mother of Harold, Timothy and Patty Egner, and Cindy Crain, died Thursday, July 14.

Egolf service

Father Rick Leone officiated at the funeral service for Evelyn Joyce Egolf, 88, on Monday, July 18, 2005, at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home in Columbia City.

"Rock of Ages," "Ivory Palaces" and "In The Garden" were included in the organ prelude with "Now the Day Is Over" as postlude by Evelyn Stemen. A video tribute celebrating Evelyn's life was shared before dismissing family and friends to the Angel of Hope Memorial Garden as Randy Grimes released the bird of peace.

Burial is at a later date at Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam, Noble County.

Mrs. Egolf, a lifetime Whitley County resident and mother of Stanley and Dale Egolf, died Saturday, July 16.

Emil George 'Hank' Scharnowske, 87

June 22, 1918 - July 21, 2005

Emil George "Hank" Scharnowske, 87, died Thursday, July 21, 2005, at Community Hospital Extended Care in Anderson after a three month illness.

Born on June 22, 1918, in Anderson, he was a son of Emil Augusta and Flossie (Matthews) Scharnowske.



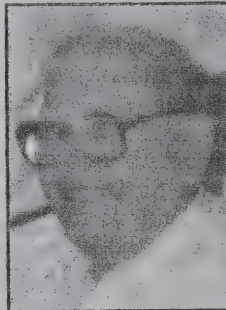
He served in the U.S. Army during World War II as a sergeant, receiving the Silver Star of Valor.

A lifelong Anderson resident, he was employed at Greer Steel for 25 years and Delco Remy for 18 years.

Mr. Scharnowske supported many local and national charities; volunteered at the Whitley County Historical Museum for 16 years and dedicated his entire life to enriching his family's lives.

Survivors include a daughter, Ruth Ann (Tom) Kirk of Columbia City; three brothers, John Scharnowske, Jack (May) Scharnowske and Robert (Ruth) Scharnowske; sister-in-law, Pauline Lewis; brother-in-law, Robert Redick; a granddaughter, four great-grandchildren; and eight nieces and nephews and their families.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, Virginia Ruth (Redick), who died April 2, 1993 after 56 years of marriage; and a granddaughter.



The funeral service is at 11 a.m. Monday, July 25, at Rozelle-Johnson Funeral Service in Anderson, with the Rev. Al Dayton officiating. Visitation is from 2 to 6 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. Military graveside rites will be conducted by VFW Post 266 at Anderson Memorial Park.

Scharnowske

For those who wish, memorials may be made to the Whitley County Historical Museum.

Ellen L. Barnhart, 81**Sept. 15, 1923 - July 22, 2005**

Ellen L. Barnhart, 81, of Cleveland Township, died at 6:38 p.m. Friday, July 22, 2005, at Hospice Home in Fort Wayne where she was admitted on June 30.

Born on Sept. 15, 1923, in Dayton, Ohio, a daughter of John W. and Ada H. (Smith) Haley, she graduated from Stivers High School in Dayton.

She was employed at General Motors Delco Products for six years before she was united in marriage to Russell I. Barnhart on Dec. 1, 1945. They made their home in Dayton where she later worked at the Ledex in Dayton for 15 years. In 1973, they moved to the South Whitley area. Mr. Barnhart died April 4, 2003.

Her memberships included Our Lady of Guadeloupe in Celina-Montezuma, Ohio, the American Legion Auxiliary in Coldwater, Ohio and V.F.W. Auxiliary in Celina, Ohio.

Surviving relatives include two daughters, Susan E. (Robert) Turman of Prospect, Ky., and Linda L. (Lawrence) Long of South Whitley; four grandchildren; two great-grandsons; and two sisters, Evelyn G. Brenner and Joanne L. Mazzone, both of Dayton.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by five brothers, Walter J. Haley, George R. Haley, John H. Haley, Richard J. Haley and Clifford A. Haley.

The funeral service is at 10 a.m. Wednesday, July 27, at Smith and Sons Miller Chapel in South Whitley, with Deacon Joseph Zickgraf, of St. Paul of the Cross Catholic Church in Columbia City, officiating. Visitation is from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Burial is at a later date at South Whitley Cemetery.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to the Hospice Home.

Condolences may be sent to www.smithandsonsfuneralhome.com.

**Barnhart****Saul (Lou) Flox, 83****March 14, 1922 - July 23, 2005**

Saul (Lou) Flox, 83, of Toledo, Ohio, died Saturday, July 23, 2005, at Lake Park Comfort Care Center in Sylvania, Ohio.

Born in Plymouth on March 14, 1922, he was a son of Louis and Lillian (Gleckman) Flox. He graduated from Columbia City High School in 1940 and was a 1945 graduate of Indiana University. He was a member of the high school debate team and worked on the high school paper.

A U.S. Navy veteran, he served during World War II.

He was a partner with his brothers in M. Flox and Co. Department Store at Upper Sandusky, Ohio, from 1948 to 1962. In later years he was associated as a manager with Jacobson's Department Store in Ann Arbor, Mich.

Survivors include a brother, Frederic (Paula) Flox; a niece and nephew and a great-niece and -nephew.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, Harold.

A private graveside service was at 4 p.m. Sunday in Columbia City.

Arrangements are by H.H. Birkenkamp Funeral Home in Toledo, Ohio.

www.Birkenkampfuneralhome.com.



Karen M. Sontag, 65

Sept. 1, 1939 - July 22, 2005

Karen M. Sontag, 65, of Wawaka, died at 8:40 p.m. Friday, July 22, 2005, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Born on Sept. 1, 1939 in Noble County, she was a daughter of Ivan and Mabel (Halterman) Rice.

She was united in marriage to Rudolf Sontag on Nov. 23, 1958 in Cosperville.

A lifelong Noble County resident, she was self-employed as an insurance agent. She loved gardening, embroidering, quilting and spending time with her family.

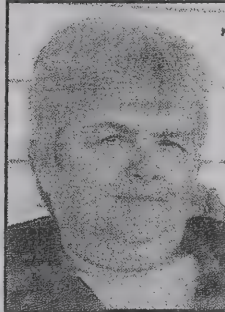
Survivors include her husband; a son, Karl E. (Carolyn) Sontag of Cheyenne, Wyo.; two daughters, Michele A. Roberts of Columbia City, and Suzanne K. (Todd) Machamer of Elkhart; a brother, Robert (Evelyn) Rice of Wawaka; two sisters, Laura (Robert) Kitt of Albion, and Reva (George) Hay of Sturgis, Mich.; eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

A graveside service is at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 26, at Maple Grove Cemetery, Topeka, with funeral celebrant Larry Baker officiating.

Memorials may be directed to United Cancer Services of Elkhart County, 23971 U.S. Hwy. 33, Elkhart, IN 46516.

Arrangements are by Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home of Ligonier



Sontag

Daniel Lewis Morgan, 53

Service pending

Daniel Lewis Morgan, 53, of South Whitley, died Monday morning, July 25, 2005, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Surviving relatives include his mother and step-father, Betty and Dick Kiewatt of South Whitley.

Arrangements are being completed at Smith and Sons Miller Chapel in South Whitley.

A complete obituary will be published in Wednesday's edition of *The Post & Mail*. Additional information may be obtained by calling 244-6877.

Condolences may be sent to www.smithandsonfuneralhome.com.

Sharon A. Herendeen, 58

Oct 26, 1948 - July 24, 2005

Sharon A. Herendeen, 58, died Sunday, July 24, 2005, at St. Joseph Hospital.

Born on Oct. 26, 1948 in Fort Wayne, she was a daughter of Robert M. and Marie B. (Klemke) Dunlap.

A homemaker, she was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary Post 499 and V.F.W. Auxiliary Post 857.

Survivors include her husband, Max L. Herendeen; two sons, Greg Neff of Indianapolis and Bret Neff; step-children, Max (Sandy) Herendeen and Teresa (Mike) Byram, both of Columbia City, and Terry Herendeen and Mary Lou (Bill) Vaught, both of Churubusco; a brother, Roger (Sylvia) Dunlap of Leesburg; and eight grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

The funeral service is 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, July 27, at D.O. McComb & Sons Covington Knolls Funeral Home, 8325 Covington Road. Calling is from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. today. Burial at Covington Memorial Gardens.

Memorials are to the American Lung Association.

Terman service

The graveside funeral service for Russell E. "Pete" Terman, 95, was Wednesday, July 6, 2005, at Adams Cemetery, with the Rev. Curtiss Johnson officiating.

Family members and friends served as casketbearers.

Mr. Terman, the widower of Anna B. (Tannehill) Terman, died Saturday, July 2.

Arrangements were complete at Smith and

Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City.

Stratman Daniels service

The funeral service for Margaret A. "Motzie" Stratman Daniels, 77, was Saturday, July 23, 2005, at St. Paul of the Cross Catholic Church, with Father Larry Kramer as celebrant, with Deacon Joseph Zickgraf assisting.

Mark and Chris Schilling served as accompanist and cantor. Selections included "Ave Marie" and "On Eagle's Wings."

Burial is at a later date at St. Phillips Cemetery in Evansville.

Arrangements were completed at Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City.

Conet service

The funeral service for Justine "Jeanne" Conet, 85, was Saturday, July 23, 2005 at Grace Lutheran Church, with the Rev. Dr. C. James Cress, church pastor, officiating.

David Hockerman played a variety of hymns during the organ prelude and postlude. The congregational hymn was "Amazing Grace."

Burial took place at South Park Cemetery.

Mrs. Conet, wife of Ralph E. Conet, died Tuesday, July 19.

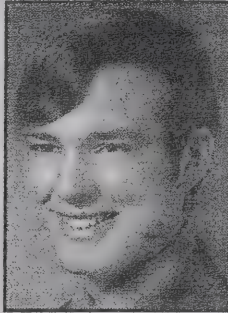
Arrangements were completed at Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City.

Daniel Lewis Morgan, 53

Aug. 16, 1951 - July 25, 2005

Daniel Lewis Morgan, 53, of South Whitley, died at 7:12 a.m. Monday, July 25, 2005, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne where he was admitted on July 6.

Born on Aug. 16, 1951 at Whitley County Memorial Hospital in Columbia City, he was a son of Harold L. and Betty J. (Snyder) Morgan. His formative years were spent in South Whitley and he graduated from South Whitley High School in 1969. He later graduated from



Morgan

International Business College and then Ivy Tech in 1985.

His church affiliation was with First Church of God in South Whitley.

Surviving relatives include his mother and step-father, Betty and Richard Kiewatt of South Whitley; two step-sisters, Sharon (Charles) Disbrow and Karen (Craig) Jordan, both of South Whitley; two step-brothers, Richard (Ann) King of England and Mick (Lisa) King of Warsaw; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father and step-father, LaMarr King.

The funeral service is at 10:30 a.m. Friday, July 30, at Smith and Sons Miller Chapel in South Whitley. Burial is at South Whitley Cemetery. Visitation is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to Parkview Home Health & Hospice or the Humane Society of Whitley County.

Condolences may be sent to www.smithandsonsfuneralhome.com.

Thelma 'Polly' Kraus Memorial service planned

There will be a memorial service for Indiana family and friends of Thelma "Polly" Kraus at the Jefferson Chapel Cemetery at 10 a.m. on Saturday, July 30.

Polly, a former Jefferson Township resident, died in Bella Vista, Ark., on July 27, 2004. Her cremains will be placed next to her former husband, Garl "Rusty" Beard. Mr. Beard died June 10, 1955.

This will be a short service with favorite psalms and hymns that Polly dearly loved.

Local arrangements are by Smith and Sons Funeral Home.
www.smithandsonsfuneralhome.com.

Leona J. Heckman, 92

Sept. 4, 1912 - July 27, 2005

Leona J. Heckman, 92, a resident of Columbia City, died at 12:35 p.m. Wednesday, July 27, 2005, at Parkview Whitley Hospital in Columbia City, where she was a patient since fracturing her hip in a fall last Friday.

Born on Sept. 4, 1912 in Swan Township, Noble County, she was a daughter of William H. and Mary E. (Neubauer) Heckman. Her formative years were spent in Green Township, Noble County and at Collins in Whitley County. Her education was completed in the Green Center and Charter Oak schools. She never married.



Heckman

Making her home in Fort Wayne for 25 years, where she was employed as a housekeeper, She then moved to Chelsea, Mich. and continued her work as a domestic housekeeper for 28 years. Since 1998, she had made her home in Columbia City.

A member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Chelsea, she had attended St. Paul of the Cross Catholic Church since moving to Columbia City.

Surviving relatives include a niece, Carolyn (Larry) Boyd of Wolf Lake; two nephews, Eugene Heckman of Tri Lakes, and Gary Heckman of North Manchester.

The funeral mass is at 11 a.m. Saturday, July 30, at St. Paul of the Cross Catholic Church in Columbia City. Visitation is one hour prior to mass at the church. Burial is at Ege Catholic Cemetery in Noble County.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to St. Paul of the Cross Catholic Church.

Arrangements are by Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City.

For information log onto
www.smithandsonsfuneralhome.com

Grover D. Yontz, 86

Dec. 9, 1918 - July 27, 2005

Grover D. Yontz, 86, of Kendallville, died Wednesday, July 27, 2005 at Hickory Creek Nursing Home in Kendallville.

Born on Dec. 9, 1918 in Detroit, Mich., he was a son of Grover and Mabel (Fought) Yontz.

A bus driver for Trailways and a truck driver for Trendline in years past, he also owned Paul's Tavern in Kendallville in the 1970s and 1980s.

He was an avid sports fan, a member of Fraternal Order of Eagles in Kendallville and in the past he played the drums in a band that played for round dances.

Survivors include nine children, Grover (Sherrie) Yontz Jr. of Avilla; Deborah (Bill) Allen of Avilla; Dianna Sue (Steve) Barth of Auburn; Juanita "Cindy" Hill of Kendallville; Merry (Maynard) Crager of Pleasant Lake; Gerry (Vickie) Yontz of Peoria, Ariz.; Sherry Pagliuco of Fayetteville, N.C.; Joyce (Melvin) Conrad of Davenport, Fla.; and Philip (Rita) Weimer of Kendallville; 25 grandchildren; 40 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a son, Terry Yontz; two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Visitation is from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, July 30, at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville. The funeral service is at noon Saturday at the funeral home, with Pastor Jeff Hipley of New Hope Baptist Church officiating. Burial is at

South Park Cemetery, Columbia City.

Casketbearers are Steven Yontz, Travis Yontz, Travis Ehret, Christopher Crager, Brian Allen and Bill Knapp.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

John A. Mason, 52

Aug. 6, 1952 - July 27, 2005

John A. Mason, 52, of Claypool, died at 4:28 a.m. Wednesday, July 27, 2005, at his residence.

Born on Aug. 6, 1952, in Columbia City, he was a son of Joan and Mildred Mason.

A retired maintenance engineer, he spent most of his lifetime in the area.

Survivors include two sons, John Mason of Warsaw and Tim Mason of Chicago; a brother, Douglas Mason of Syracuse; a sister, Carol Mason of Fort Wayne; and two grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

A memorial service is at 2 p.m. Monday, Aug. 1, at McHatton Sadler Funeral Chapel, 2290

Provident Court in Warsaw, with Pastor Terry Bradford officiating. Burial is at Larwill Cemetery at a later date. There are no calling hours.

Morgan service

The funeral service for Daniel L. Morgan, 53, was Friday, July 29, 2005, at Smith and Sons Miller Chapel in South Whitley, with Brian Paseka officiating.

A variety of favorite selections played during the prelude and postlude included Yanni's "One Man's Dream," "To Take To Hold" and Barbara Streisand's "I Believe."

The committal service followed at South Whitley Cemetery. Casketbearers were Doug Macklin, Brian Paseka, Errol Clark, Craig Jordan, Pete Paseka, Brad Hapner, Steve Smith and Jeff Cress.

Mr. Morgan, son of Betty (Richard) Kiewatt and the late Harold L. Morgan, died Monday, July 25.

Heckman service

The funeral mass for Leona J. Heckman, 92, was Saturday, July 30, 2005, at St. Paul of the Cross Catholic Church, with Father Sarrazine as celebrant and Deacon Joseph Zickgraf assisting. Mike Foster was the reader. Jeremy Hinen and Holly Kyler were servers.

Joanna Ewing provided the prelude and postlude, while Catherine Weigold served as cantor. Hymns included "Amazing Grace" and "Like a Child Rests."

The committal service followed at Ege Catholic Cemetery in Noble County. Casketbearers were David Heckman, Daniel Heckman, Kenneth Heckman, Katie Heckman, Larry Boyd, Matt Boyd and Gene Heckman.

Mrs. Heckman, a Noble County native and aunt of Carolyn (Larry) Boyd, Eugene Heckman and Gary Heckman, died Wednesday, July 27.

Arrangements were completed by Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City.

Barnhart service

The funeral service for Ellen L. Barnhart, 81, was Wednesday, July 27, 2005, at Smith and Sons Miller Chapel in South Whitley, with Deacon Joseph Zickgraf of St. Paul of the Cross Catholic Church officiating.

A variety of hymns were played during the prelude and postlude including "Let There Be Peace on Earth," "Ave Maria" and "Amazing Grace."

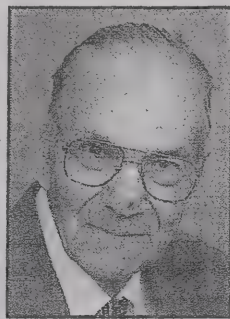
Burial is at a later date at South Whitley Cemetery.

Mrs. Barnhart, widow of Russell J. Barnhart, and mother of Susan E. (Robert) Turman and Linda L. (Lawrence) Long, died Friday, July 22.

Wayne E. Lopshire, 88

Sept. 4, 1916 - Aug. 2, 2005

Wayne E. Lopshire, 88, of Fort Wayne, died at 1 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 2, 2005, at Lutheran Hospital of Indiana, Fort Wayne.



Lopshire

Born in Fort Wayne on Sept. 4, 1916, he was a son of James W. and Mabel (Clark) Lopshire. When he was four years old, his parents moved their family to Lake Township, Allen County, after making their home on a farm in Union Township, Whitley County for two years. He had continued his residence in Lake Township, Allen County since 1922. He received his formal education in the public schools of Lake Township and graduated from the former Arcola High School with the Class of 1934.

His marriage to Betty J. Bailey took place on April 9, 1949 at Kimmell United Methodist Church.

In addition to co-managing their farm with his wife, he was also an insurance agent for the Federal Crop Insurance.

A member of Arcola United Methodist Church, he served in many church offices and was a charter member of Arcola Lions Club for the past 56 years.

Survivors include his wife, Betty; two daughters, LuAnn (Thad) Coverstone, and Sandra (Daniel L.) Trimmer, both of Columbia City; a granddaughter; and a sister-in-law, Bonnie Sampson of Shelbyville.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Ralph E. Lopshire.

Visitation is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 4, at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Drive in Columbia City. The funeral service is at 10 a.m., with one hour visitation prior to the service on Friday at Arcola United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Harold Klinker officiating. Burial is at Eel River Cemetery, south of Churubusco.

Memorial bequests may be given in Mr. Lopshire's memory to Arcola United Methodist Church or Gideons International. Envelopes are available at the funeral home.

To send condolences to the family, sign the guest register, or to light a memorial candle in Mr. Lopshire's memory, please visit www.demoneygrimes.com

Kenneth LeRoy Relue, 61

Sept. 4, 1943- July 31, 2005

Kenneth LeRoy Relue, 61, of Fort Wayne, died at 10:12 a.m. Saturday, July 30, 2005 at his home.

Born in Fort Wayne on Sept. 4, 1943, he was a son of Wallace L. and Freda M. (Fletcher) Relue.

Residing in Fort Wayne his entire lifetime, he graduated from the Fort Wayne School system and attended International Business College.

He was a stocker at Dollar General in Fort Wayne.

Graveside service is at 2 p.m. Friday, Aug. 5, at Greenlawn Memorial Park Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Arrangements are by DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Drive in Columbia City.

To send family condolences, sign the guest register, or to light a memorial candle, please visit www.demoneygrimes.com

Florence Simmermon-Hontz, 97

July 17, 1908 - July 31, 2005

Florence Simmermon-Hontz, 97, a resident of Annandale Care Center, Annandale, Minn., died Sunday July 31, 2005.

Born in Wabash County on July 17, 1908, she was a daughter of John and Margaret Heinnickel.

She attended school in Speickerville and graduated from high school in Urbana, Ind. She moved to Anderson where she was employed by General Motors/Delco Remey.



Simmermon-Hontz

After her marriage to John E. Simmermon on July 21, 1928 in Wabash, she moved to Joliet in 1942 and later to Lockport Township. In 1971, they moved to Monticello where Mr. Simmermon died in 1973.

On Oct. 19, 1985 she married Thomas M. Hontz at Cedar Lake and lived in Columbia City until he died in 2001. She then moved to Minnesota to live close to her only daughter, Judy.

Survivors include her daughter, Judy Gotschika-McClure of South Haven, Minn.; three grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; one great-great grandchild; two step-children, Janice Bockelman of Arizona and June Beeson of Indiana; and numerous step-grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and two husbands, she was preceded in death by two brothers, Isaac and Homer, and two sisters, Anna and Ruth.

The funeral service is at 2 p.m. Friday, Aug. 5, at Blackburn-Giegerich-Sonntag Funeral Home, 1500 Black Road in Joliet, Ill. Visitation is from noon until time of service on Friday. Interment is at Woodlawn Memorial Park, Joliet.

Arrangements are by Tapella Funeral Services, Joliet, Ill.

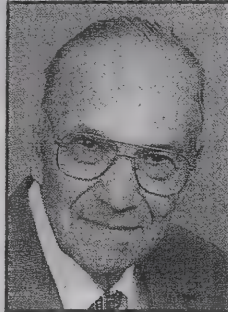
The following obituary is being reprinted to correct visitation time.—CAH

Wayne E. Lopshire, 88

Sept. 4, 1916 - Aug. 2, 2005

Wayne E. Lopshire, 88, of Fort Wayne, died at 1 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 2, 2005, at Lutheran Hospital of Indiana, Fort Wayne.

Born in Fort Wayne on Sept. 4, 1916, he was a son of James W. and Mabel (Clark) Lopshire. When he was four years old, his parents moved their family to Lake Township, Allen County, after making their home on a farm in Union Township, Whitley County for two years. He had continued his



Lopshire

residence in Lake Township, Allen County since 1922. He received his formal education in the public schools of Lake Township and graduated from the former Arcola High School with the Class of 1934.

His marriage to Betty J. Bailey took place on April 9, 1949 at Kimmell United Methodist Church.

In addition to co-managing their farm with his wife, he was also an insurance agent for the Federal Crop Insurance.

A member of Arcola United Methodist Church, he served in many church offices and was a charter member of Arcola Lions Club for the past 56 years.

Survivors include his wife, Betty; two daughters, LuAnn (Thad) Coverstone, and Sandra (Daniel L.) Trimmer, both of Columbia City; a granddaughter; and a sister-in-law, Bonnie Sampson of Shelbyville.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a

brother, Ralph E. Lopshire.

Visitation is from 2 to 4 and 5 to 8 p.m. today at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Drive in Columbia City. The funeral service is at 10 a.m., with one hour visitation prior to the service Friday at Arcola United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Harold Klinker officiating. Burial is at Eel River Cemetery, south of Churubusco.

Memorial bequests may be given in Mr. Lopshire's memory to Arcola United Methodist Church or Gideons International. Envelopes are available at the funeral home.

To send condolences to the family, sign the guest register, or to light a memorial candle in Mr. Lopshire's memory, please visit www.demoneygrimes.com

James Lewis 'Jim Dandy' Straub Sr., 68

Sept. 13, 1936 - Aug. 4, 2005

James Lewis "Jim Dandy" Straub Sr., 68, died Thursday, Aug. 4, 2005 at his home in Fort Wayne.

Born on Sept. 13, 1936 in Fort Wayne, he was a son of Ollie and Sarah (King) Straub.



A member of the U.S. Air Force Reserves for eight years, he was a retired truck driver with Carolina Freight and a member of the Teamsters Local 414.

Survivors include his wife, Iona R. Straub of Fort Wayne; children, James (Deb) Straub Jr. and Jay (Kristine) Straub, both of Columbia City; David (Rebecca) Straub of Churubusco; Michael (Ute) Straub of Ansbach, Germany; Mark (Alynda) Neubeck Sr. of Kirklin; Michael Neubeck, Michelle Neubeck and Melinda Neubeck, all of Fort Wayne; 26 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren and special pets, Jackie and Jill.

The funeral service is at 1 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 7, at D.O. McComb & Sons Foster Park Funeral Home, 6301 Fairfield Ave., Fort Wayne. Calling is 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials to Iona Straub, in care of D.O. McComb & Sons.

Marjorie Jane Hippensteel, 66

May 30, 1939 - Aug. 3, 2005

Marjorie Jane Hippensteel, 66, died Wednesday, Aug. 3, 2005 at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Born in Auburn on May 30, 1939, she was a daughter of Willard and Lena (Spires) Hinschlager.

A 1957 graduate of Auburn High School, she was employed with Rieke Corp. for 17 years.

Survivors include daughters, LeeAnn Hines and Susan Grimm, both of Auburn; a son, Greg Hippensteel of South Whitley; and nine grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Larry.

A graveside is at 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 7, at Roselawn Cemetery.

Arrangements are by McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn.

Lucille Worden, 94

June 27, 1911-Aug. 5, 2005

Lucille Worden, 94, of Columbia City died at 9:50 a.m. Aug. 5, 2005, at Parkview Whitley Hospital.

Born in Tory Township of Whitley County on June 27, 1911, she was the daughter of Jesse and Ethel (Garrison) Depoy.

She graduated with the Class of 1929 from Columbia City High School. On December 18, 1935, she was united in marriage to William M. Worden at the Columbia City United Methodist Church.

A devoted homemaker, her memberships included the United Methodist Church, United Methodist Women and Town & Country Home

Extension Club.

Survivors include a daughter, Orville L. (Carol J.) Grable of Columbia City; a son, Marlin E. (Irmgard) Worden of Columbia City; a sister, Maxine (Palmer) Hursey of Elkhart; six grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband on March 30, 1983. She was also preceded in death by a sister, Amelia DePoy Phillips; brother, Kenneth DePoy and one grandson.

Visitation will be held from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 8 at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Columbia City United Methodist Church with Pastor Paul Arnold officiating. Burial will be at South Park Annex Cemetery.

Memorials may be given in Mrs. Worden's memory to Columbia City United Methodist Church. To send family condolences, sign the guest register or light a memorial candle, please visit www.demoneygrimes.com



Worden

Jack K. Teegardin, 62

May 4, 1943-Aug. 5, 2005

Jack K. Teegardin, 62, of Hamilton passed away Friday, Aug. 5, 2005, at Millers Merry Manor.

He was born May 4, 1943, in South Bend, the son of Hazel (Gilbert) and Kenneth Teegardin.

Mr. Teegardin was an electrician for General Electric, a member of the Fort Wayne VFW Post 10006, the 40 & 8, The Churubusco American Legion Post 0157 and the Fort Wayne Eagles.

He is survived by two daughters, Michele (Mark) Miller and Denise (Randy) Davis, both of Columbia City; one sister, Jackie (Steve) Friend of Hamilton; and three grandchildren.

Graveside services will be Monday, Aug. 8, 2005, at 12:30 p.m. at Teegardin Cemetery in Hamilton. Visitation will be held from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Monday at Oberlin-Ford Funeral Home in Hamilton.

Gifts in loving memory may be made to the American Diabetes Association. Condolences may be sent to the family or the online guest book may be signed at www.oberlin-ford.com.

Lois L. Fulk, 69

Sept. 19, 1935 - Aug. 6, 2005

Lois L. Fulk, 69, a former resident of Knapp Lake, died at 6:10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 6, 2005 at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne where she was admitted two weeks ago. She had been a resident at Miller's Merry Manor in Columbia City since Jan. 28, 2005.



Fulk

Born on Sept. 19, 1935 in Whitley County, she was a daughter of Raymond W. and Bertha Irene (Main) Shank. Her formative years were spent in Whitley County and she was educated in the Churubusco schools.

In 1965 she moved to Noble County and was employed at Rinker's Variety Store in North Webster for a year. She was also employed at Ligonier Health Facility for a year. In 1976, she moved to Harper Lake until 1990, when she moved to Knapp Lake. Her last employment was at West Noble Daycare for six years.

Her church affiliation was with Cornerstone Wesleyan Church in Merriam and she was a member of American Legion Post 253 Auxiliary in North Webster and V.F.W. Auxiliary in Syracuse.

Survivors include two sons, Alfred L. Cripe Jr. of Kiowa, Okla., and David L. Fulk of Coos Bay, Ore.; two daughters, Anita M. Fletcher of Hudson, Fla., and Lora J. Stump of Kendallville; six grandchildren; a brother, Roy S. Shank of Auburn; two sisters, Bertha M. Rhodes of Battle Creek, Mich., and Dorothy J. Cagle of Butler; and her beloved dog, Pokey.

Visitation is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 9, at Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City. The Syracuse V.F.W. Auxiliary will provide a service at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday. Burial is at a later date at Thorn Cemetery, Ormas.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to the family.

Condolences may be sent to www.smithandsonsfuneralhome.com.

Harold R. McDonald, 57

May 30, 1948 - Aug. 4, 2005

Harold R. McDonald, 57, of Bristol, a former Syracuse resident, died at 6:24 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 4, 2005 at home.

Born in Goshen on May 30, 1948, a son of Francis L. and Olive E. (Hunninghake) McDonald, he attended Syracuse Public Schools.

He was a lifetime resident of Kosciusko and Elkhart counties.

Serving in the U.S. Army from 1968 to 1970, he was a truck driver.

Survivors include a daughter, Angel (Jeff) Howard of Printer, Ky.; a son, David McDonald of Elkhart; seven grandchildren; four brothers, Terry (Vivian) McDonald of New Paris; Michael (Linda) McDonald of Sanford, N.C.; Clair McDonald of Phoenix, Ariz.; and Jim McDonald of Syracuse.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a son, Rodney McDonald and a sister, Patricia Hall.

Burial is at a later date. Arrangements are by DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Drive in Columbia City.

To light a memorial candle in Mr. McDonald's memory, please visit www.demoneygrimes.com.



Isabelle 'Kay' Harter, 78

Oct. 14, 1926 - Aug. 8, 2005

Isabelle "Kay" Harter, 78, a former resident of Larwill, died at 1:20 a.m. Monday, Aug. 8, 2005 at Grace Village Health Care at Winona Lake, where she had been a resident since January 2001.

Born on Oct. 14, 1926 in Minneiska, Minn., a daughter of Bernard V. and Genevieve (Davidshofer) Weiser, her formative years were spent in Winona, Minn. She graduated from Winona High School and continued her education at Winona State Teachers College.

On April 15, 1950, she was united in marriage to David H. Harter. They made their home in Columbia City from 1951 until 1953 when they moved to their home in Larwill. Mr. Harter died May 12, 2000.

She was employed at Allis Chalmers, Gateway Transportation and later Security Cartage in Fort Wayne for a brief time.

She was a member of St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church in Pierceton and its Rosary Sodality.

Survivors include three daughters, Kathleen L. (Michael) Schnurr of Fort Wayne; Ronda M. (Scott) Darley of South Whitley, and Angela L. (Duane) Burkhart of Warsaw; four grandchildren; and a sister, Bernadine Girard of LaCross, Wis.

Funeral mass is at 10 a.m. Friday, Aug. 12, at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church in Pierceton, with Father Bruce J. Piechocki as celebrant. Burial is at Lakeview Cemetery, Larwill. Visitation is from 2 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 11, at Smith and Sons

Funeral Home in Columbia City. A rosary service is at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to Grace Village Healthcare, St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church or the Humane Society of Whitley County.

Condolences may be sent to www.smithandsonsfuneralhome.com.



Harter

Helen Bernice Emery, 88

March 29, 1916 - Feb. 13, 2005

Helen Bernice Emery, 88, of Dallas, Texas, died Sunday, Feb. 13, 2005 in Tampa, Fla.

Born on March 29, 1916 in Laud, Whitley County, a daughter of William Monroe and Ethel Mae (Bittner) Hollenbaugh, she graduated from Washington Center High School. She had lived in Indianapolis, Tampa, and most recently, Dallas.

She married Thomas J. Emery on Nov. 10, 1937

at Eberhard Lutheran Church, Columbia City. He preceded her in death.

She worked for Blue Bell in Columbia City for many years and retired in 1994 after working 15 years as a housemother for McMurray College in Abilene, Texas. She was also a kindergarten teacher for five years in Dallas and was a member of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Tampa.

Survivors include two sons, Thomas (Nancy) Emery of Dover Bay, Minn.; John (Patricia) Emery of Tampa; two daughters, Maureen (John) Smalley of Odessa, Texas; and Kathleen (Bill) Johnson of Chandler, Texas; a sister, E. Frances (Keith) Nicodemus of Columbia City; nine grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by three brothers, Garland, Paul and Earnest Hollenbaugh.

A memorial service is at 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 14, at Laud Christian Church with inurement to follow at Eberhard Lutheran Cemetery.

Memorials may be directed to Woodburn Children's Home or West Texas Children's Rehab Center.

Arrangements are by D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., Fort Wayne.

Bobbie J. Winkhart-Young, 68

April 9, 1937 - Aug. 7, 2005

Bobbie J. Winkhart-Young, 68, of Fort Wayne, died Sunday, Aug. 7, 2005 at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was born on April 9, 1937 in Hazard, Ky.

She was employed at Allen County Nursing Home for seven years.

Survivors include her companion, Bill Young; sons, Buford Moore Jr. and Timothy T. Moore, both of Crawfordsville, Fla.; Adrin Moore of Tennessee, and Gary Lee Moore of Columbia City; a daughter, Hallie Kay Girton of Columbia City; 12 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by sons, Hubert and Lucas.

The funeral service is at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 10, at C.M Sloan Sons Funeral Home, 1327 North Wells St., Fort Wayne, with visitation from 4 to 8 p.m. Burial is at Greenlawn Memorial Cemetery.

For those who wish, memorials may be given to the Fort Wayne Rescue Mission.

Lopshire service

The Rev. Harold Klinker officiated at the funeral service for Wayne E. Lopshire, 88, on Friday, Aug. 5, 2005 at Arcola United Methodist Church.

Piano prelude was shared by Wayne's granddaughter, Jennifer L. Trimmer and she included traditional hymns "Amazing Grace," "In the Garden" and "The Old Rugged Cross" with "The Lord's Prayer" as a piano solo and "How Great Thou Art" as a congregational hymn. Special recorded selections of Wayne singing "No One Understands Like Jesus" and "Only Believe and Live" were also played. The piano postlude was played by Kathy (Schreffler) Misun.

Serving as casketbearers were Paul, Lee and Gary Lopshire, Mark Alexander, Monte Dull, Paul

Johnson and Kenny Kurtz, with Dave Lopshire at honorary bearer. Burial was at Eel River Cemetery, south of Churubusco.

Mr. Lopshire, husband of Betty J. Lopshire and father of Sandra Trimmer and LuAnn Coverstone, died Tuesday, Aug. 2.

Services were arranged by DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home in Columbia City.

Romona C. Johnson, 82

Dec. 21, 1922 - Aug. 6, 2005

Romona C. Johnson, 82, of Pierceton, died at 10:45 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 6, 2005, at The Oaks in Columbia City.

Born on Dec. 21, 1922, in Rochester, she was a daughter of August and Lillian (Moore) Swanson.

On Sept. 4, 1950, she was married to Lee Johnson in Rochester. He died in 1986.

A homemaker, the lifelong Kosciusko County resident was a member of Redeemer Lutheran Church.

Survivors include a daughter, Alberta Mast of Pierceton; a sister, Ruby Dickson of Culver; three grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by six brothers and a sister.

The funeral service is at 10 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 11, at McHatton-Sadler Funeral Chapel in Warsaw, with the Rev. Steven Resner and Vicar Aaron Moldenhauer officiating. Visitation is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral chapel. Burial is at I.O.O.F. Cemetery, Rochester.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the family in care of McHatton-Sadler Funeral Chapel, 2290 Provident Court, Warsaw.

Jane Ellen Helsel, 66

Jane Ellen Helsel, 66, of Lake Placid, Fla., died Aug. 5, 2005, at home.

Born in Detroit, Mich., she grew up and attended school in Plymouth.

She was a resident of Churubusco for the past 35 years and a winter resident of Lake Placid since 2000.

She was a qualified medical assistant in a nursing home.

Survivors include her husband of 49 years, James C. Helsel of Churubusco; daughters, Kim Helsel of Chelsea, Mich.; and Kelly (Jerry) Rogers of Redkey; a son, Richard (Ronda) Helsel of Columbia City; an aunt, Betty Burke of Plymouth; sisters, Aileen Boggess of Columbia City, and Kathy Howe of Cincinnati, Ohio; and 10 grandchildren.

A memorial service is at 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 13, at Churubusco United Methodist Church.

Arrangements are entrusted to Chandler Funeral Home. (863) 465-2113.

Worden service

Pastor Paul Arnold officiated at the funeral services for Lucille Worden, 94, on Tuesday, Aug. 9, 2005, at Columbia City United Methodist Church.

Organist Evelyn Stemen included in the prelude, "When Morning Gilds the Skies," "My God and I" and "In the Garden," with "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" as postlude. A video celebrating the life of Lucille was shared before family and friends were dismissed to the bird of peace ceremony.

Casketbearers were Romando Worden, Randy Fletcher, C. Robin Wright, Stanley Palmer, Roy Pontzius and Darrin Daniel. Burial was at South Park Annex Cemetery, Columbia City.

Mrs. Worden, mother of Carol J. Grable and Merlin E. Worden, died Friday, Aug. 5.

Service arrangements were by DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home in Columbia City.

Joseph M. Harber, 77

Aug. 3, 1928 - Aug. 10, 2005
Joseph M. Harber, 77, of Columbia City, died at 5:55 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 10, 2005, at Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

Born on Aug. 3, 1928 in Yoder, Allen County, he was a son of Marion Joseph and Mary Regina (Hinen) Harber. At two years of age, he and his family moved from Allen County to Whitley County, where he spent his life. He went to St. Paul's Catholic School in Fort Wayne through the second grade and he attended Jefferson Center High School.



Harber

He married Alice M. Buchanan on Oct. 9, 1948 at St. Peter's Catholic Church, Fort Wayne.

A general farmer his entire lifetime, he worked a few years at General Electric in Fort Wayne, was a bus driver for Jefferson Center School for three years and worked for 24 years at Fruehauf Trailer Corp., Fort Wayne.

He was a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Arcola, Tri-State Jay Bird Camping Club and was a U.A.W. union steward for many years.

Among survivors are his wife, Alice; children, Robert Harber of New Haven; Mary (Kenneth) Shaw of Ossian; Kenneth Harber of Indianapolis; Sharon (Juergen) Mauger of Huntington; Edward Harper of Columbia City; Nancy (Bill) Arivett of Huntington; Susan (Michael) Phillips of Columbia City; two sisters, Mary Frances "Francie" (Charles "Tony") Strack of Fort Wayne, and Delores Harber of Columbia City; 20 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a grandson.

Visitation is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. with a rosary service at 3:30 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 12 at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Drive in Columbia City. Visitation is also at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, 12305 Arcola Road, Arcola, from 9 to 10 a.m. Saturday. The funeral mass is at 10 a.m. with Father Joachim Quadros as celebrant. Burial is at St. Patrick's Catholic Cemetery, Arcola.

Memorial bequests may be given in Mr. Harber's memory to Masses of St. Patrick's Catholic Church, the church's building fund or Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home. Envelopes are available at the funeral home.

To send condolences to the family, sign the guest register or to light a memorial candle in Mr. Harber's memory, please visit www.demoneygrimes.com.

John Thomas Quinn, 69

Sept. 12, 1935 - July 23, 2005

John Thomas Quinn, 69, of Fort Wayne, died at 7:45 a.m. Saturday, July 23, 2000, at Lutheran Hospital of Indiana in Fort Wayne.

Born in Peru on Sept. 12, 1935, he was a son of John D. and Mary C. (Comeford) Quinn. He spent his life in Fort Wayne, where he received his GED.



He served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War from Nov. 6, 1952, until Nov. 5, 1960.

His marriage was to Linda Kay Shepherd on April 6, 1985, in Albion, Noble County.

Employed at International Harvester (Navistar) as a factory worker, painter and maintenance, he retired in 1992.

He attended Gethsemane Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne.



Quinn

Survivors include his wife, Linda; a daughter, Debbie Kay (Mark Hartman) Winget of Fort Wayne; three step-sons, Tony (Molly) Miller and Chris (Shelly) Fancher, both of Fort Wayne; and Tracy Fancher of New Haven; a step-daughter, Kelly (Aaron) Snyder of Harlan; six grandchildren; 12 step-grandchildren; a sister, Carol Quinn of Denver, Colo.; and a son-in-law, Jeff Keller of Fort Wayne.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a daughter, Laura Keller and a sister, Patty Forkner.

A memorial service is at 10 a.m., with visitation at 9 a.m., Saturday, Aug. 13, at Gethsemane Lutheran Church, 1505 Bethany Lane, Fort Wayne, with Pastor David A. Furuness officiating. Arrangements have been entrusted to DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Drive in Columbia City. Burial will take place at Catholic Cemetery, 3500 Lake Ave., Fort Wayne.

Memorials bequests may be given in Mr. Quinn's memory to Gethsemane Lutheran Church. Envelopes are available through the funeral home.

To send condolences to the family, sign the guest register or to light a memorial candle in Mr. Quinn's memory, please visit www.demoneygrimes.com.

Martin H. Kreider, 79

June 6, 1926 - Aug. 8, 2005

Martin H. Kreider, 79, of Huntington, died at 3:40 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 8, 2005, following an accident at his home.

Born on June 6, 1929, in Kosciusko County, a son of Howard D. and Opal S. (Salesman) Kreider, he graduated in 1944 from Washington Center High School in Whitley County.

A corporal in the U.S. Army, he served as a medical technician from 1944 to 1946.

He was united in marriage to Mary E. Zahm on Oct. 18, 1947 in Huntington.

Owner/operator of J&K Feed Service from 1956 to present, he was a member of St. Peter & Paul Catholic Church, Huntington County Pork Producers, the Isaac Walton League for 38 years, American Legion Post 7, VFW Post 2689 and the Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels. He was a proud Red Cross blood donor for many years.

Survivors include his wife, Mary; three sons, Phillip P. Kreider, Lawrence A. Kreider, and Michael H. Kreider, all of Huntington; three daughters, Mary L. (Bill) Carey of Upland, Calif.; Helen (Phil) Goble of Titusville, Fla., and Kathleen (John) Rakoczy of Huntington; two brothers, Richard Kreider of Columbia City, and Joe Kreider of Fort Wayne; a sister, Donna Rubrake of Columbia City; 18 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, David M. Kreider; three brothers, Paul Kreider, Rex Kreider and Russell Kreider, and a sister, Joyce May.

Visitation is from 2 to 8 p.m. today, Aug. 11, with the reading of the Rosary at 6 p.m. at Myers Funeral Home Huntington Chapel. The funeral service is at 10 a.m. Friday at St. Peter & Paul Catholic Church, 840 Cherry St., Huntington. Interment is at Mt. Calvary Cemetery, Huntington.

Memorials are to St. Peter & Paul Catholic Church, Parkinson's Foundation or to Huntington County Right to Life, all in care of Myers Funeral Home, 2901 Guilford St., Huntington, IN 46750.

To sign Mr. Kreider's online guest registry, visit www.myersfuneralhomes.com and click on obituaries.



Paul L. Geiger, 91

April 2, 1914 - Aug. 10, 2005

Paul L. Geiger, 91, of Columbia City, died at 7:30 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 10, 2005, at Parkview Whitley Hospital in Columbia City.

Born on April 2, 1914, in South Milford, he was a son of Irvin C. and Blanche (Wilson) Geiger. He graduated from Churubusco High School with the Class of 1935 and attended

Boise State College and Indiana/Purdue University.

Reared in Indiana, he lived at several different places during his lifetime. He returned to Columbia City in 1981.

He married LuVerne A. Workman on Nov. 6, 1941, in Reno, Nev.

He was a member of Trinity Presbyterian Church in Columbia City.

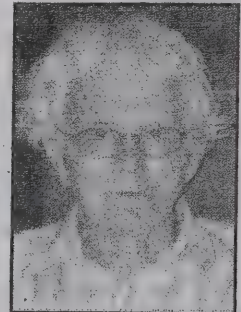
Among survivors is his wife, LuVerne; a daughter, Jane Niemeier of San Diego, Calif.; a son, Paul Geiger Jr. of Columbia City; two sisters, Madge Pence and Lila Schlotterback, both of Columbia City; two brothers, Walter Wayne Geiger of Columbia City; and Robert Geiger of Phoenix, Ariz.

He was preceded in death by his parents; three sisters, Thelma Holycross, Mildred Pence and Blondina Jane Jones; and a brother, John Geiger.

The funeral service is at 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 13, at Trinity Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 709 Business 30 W., Columbia City, with the Rev. Ross O'Dell officiating. Burial is at South Park Original Cemetery, Columbia City.

Memorial bequests may be given in Mr. Geiger's memory to the donor's choice. Envelopes are available at the funeral home.

To send condolences to the family, sign the guest register or to light a memorial candle in Mr. Geiger's memory, please visit www.demoneygrimes.com or call 244-5122.



Geiger

The following two obituaries is being reprinted to add additional survivor and make corrections. — CAH

Joseph M. Harber, 77

Aug. 3, 1928 - Aug. 10, 2005

Joseph M. Harber, 77, of Columbia City, died at 5:55 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 10, 2005, at Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

Born on Aug. 3, 1928, in Yoder, Allen County, he was a son of Marion Joseph and Mary Regina (Hinen) Harber. At two years of age, he and his family moved from Allen County to Whitley County, where he spent his life. He went to St. Paul's Catholic School in Fort Wayne through the second grade and he attended Jefferson Center High School.

He married Alice M. Buchanan on Oct. 9, 1948 at St. Peter's Catholic Church, Fort Wayne.

A general farmer his entire lifetime, he worked a few years at General Electric in Fort Wayne, was a bus driver for Jefferson Center School for three years and worked for 24 years at Fruehauf Trailer Corp., Fort Wayne.

He was a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Arcola, Tri-State Jay Bird Camping Club and was a U.A.W. union steward for many years.

Among survivors are his wife, Alice; children, Robert Harber of New Haven; Mary (Kenneth) Shaw of Ossian; Kenneth Harber of Indianapolis; Sharon (Juergen) Mauger of Huntington; Edward (Sue) Harber of Columbia City; Nancy (Bill) Arivett of Huntington; Susan (Michael) Phillips of Columbia City; two sisters, Mary Frances "Francie" (Charles "Tony") Strack of Fort Wayne, and Delores Harber of Columbia City; 20 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a grandson.

Visitation is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. with a rosary service at 3:30 p.m. today at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Drive in Columbia City. Visitation is also at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, 12305 Arcola Road, Arcola, from 9 to 10 a.m. Saturday. The funeral mass is at 10 a.m. with Father Joachim Quadros as celebrant. Burial is at St. Patrick's Catholic Cemetery, Arcola.

Memorial bequests may be given in Mr. Harber's memory to Masses of St. Patrick's Catholic Church, the church's building fund or Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home. Envelopes are available at the funeral home.

To send condolences to the family, sign the guest register or to light a memorial candle in Mr. Harber's memory, please visit www.demoneygrimes.com.



Harber

John Thomas Quinn, 69

Sept. 12, 1935 - July 23, 2005

John Thomas Quinn, 69, of Fort Wayne, died at 7:45 a.m. Saturday, July 23, 2005, at Lutheran Hospital of Indiana in Fort Wayne.

Born in Peru on Sept. 12, 1935, he was a son of John D. and Mary C. (Comerford) Quinn. He spent his life in Fort Wayne, where he received his GED.

He served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War from Nov. 6, 1952, until Nov. 5, 1960.

His marriage was to Linda Kay Shepherd on April 6, 1985, in Albion, Noble County.

Employed at International Harvester (Navistar) as a factory worker, painter and maintenance, he retired in 1992.

He attended Gethsemane Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne.

Survivors include his wife, Linda; a daughter, Debbie Kay (Mark Hartman) Winget of Fort Wayne; three step-sons, Tony (Molly) Miller and Chris (Shelly) Fancher, both of Fort Wayne; and Tracy Fancher of New Haven; a step-daughter, Kelly (Aaron) Snyder of Harlan; six grandchildren; 12 step-grandchildren; a sister, Carol Quinn of Denver, Colo.; and a son-in-law, Jeff Keller of Fort Wayne.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a daughter, Laura Keller and a sister, Patty Forkner.

A memorial service is at 10 a.m., with visitation at 9 a.m., Saturday, Aug. 13, at Gethsemane Lutheran Church, 1505 Bethany Lane, Fort Wayne, with Pastor David A. Furness officiating. Arrangements have been entrusted to DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Drive in Columbia City. Burial has taken place at the Catholic Cemetery, 3500 Lake Ave., Fort Wayne.

Memorials bequests may be given in Mr. Quinn's memory to Gethsemane Lutheran Church. Envelopes are available through the funeral home.

To send condolences to the family, sign the guest register or to light a memorial candle in Mr. Quinn's memory, please visit www.demoneygrimes.com.



Quinn

Ruby Lucille Mishler, 85

Jan. 20, 1920 - Aug. 11, 2005

Ruby Lucille Mishler, 85, a resident of Cleveland Township, died at 5:58 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 11, 2005, at the Peabody Home in North Manchester, where she had been a resident since Oct. 21, 2004.

Born on Jan. 20, 1920, in Kosciusko County, a daughter of Ralph L. and Hope Elizabeth (Keel) Jenkins, her formative years were spent in Jackson Township on the family farm. She was educated in the Haines School and graduated from Sidney High School as salutatorian of the Class of 1937.

On Aug. 15, 1937, she was united in marriage to Hugh June Mishler. They made their home on the Mishvilla dairy farm in Monroe Township, Kosciusko County. In 1952, they purchased the Mishler homestead in Cleveland Township, Whitley County. In addition to dairy, hog, chicken and grain farming, they operated the Mishler Rainbow Trout pond from 1964 until 1978. Mr. Mishler died Oct. 18, 1971.

A member of Spring Creek Church of the Brethren and Fort Wayne Doll Club, she was an avid reader, doll collector, gardener and keeper of the family history. She enjoyed political discussions, history and philosophy.

A wonderful mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, she is survived by seven children, Milan A. (Karen Sue) Mishler of North Manchester; Michael B. "Mick" Mishler of South Whitley; Manford C. (Suzy) Mishler of Fort Wayne; Monna Mary (Gene) Crawford of Lake City, Fla.; Marcia Mable (Lee) Himes; Marlene May (Rob) Mishler and Millie Maydene Mishler, all of South Whitley; 14 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; and a brother, Wayne Jenkins of South Whitley.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by two sisters, Mable Freed and Mary Jean Rochette.

The funeral service is at 3 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 14, at Smith and Sons Miller Chapel in South Whitley. Burial is at South Whitley Cemetery. Visitation is from 1 to 3 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to South Whitley Cleveland Township Library or Peabody Retirement Community.

Condolences may be sent to www.smithandsonsfuneralhome.com.



Mishler

Eleanor Louise (Good) Tennant, 89

Former resident of Whitley County

Eleanor Louise (Good) Tennant, 89, died at her home on July 14, 2005. She had lived in Bessemer, Ala. for the last 40 years.

The oldest daughter of Mervin and Marie Good, she graduated from Columbia City High School in 1934. Her parents formerly owned Goose Lake. Her father died in 1962, her mother in 1973 and her husband in 1993.

Survivors include three sisters, Nancy Kathryn Moon of Colorado Springs, Colo.; Betty Coy of Coldwater, Mich., and Mary Kinter of Tampa, Fla.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by a brother, Robert and a sister, Ardean.

Mrs. Tennant was laid to rest on July 21, 2005, at Elwood Cemetery in Birmingham, Ala.

Anyone wanting additional information on the family may call (517) 238-5673.

Jill A. Denney, 45

July 20, 1960 - Aug. 10, 2005

Jilly A. Denney, 45, of North Manchester died at 9:20 a.m. Aug. 10, 2005, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was born in Columbia City on July 20, 1960, a daughter of John Grable and Sharon (Baxter) Conley. A resident of South Whitley for most of her youth, she attended Whitko High School.

A resident of North Manchester for 27 years, she was self-employed as a real estate appraiser.

She is survived by her father and stepmother, John and Flossie Grable of Albion; mother and stepfather, Sharon and Roy Conley of Fort Wayne; two daughters, Brittany and Natalie Denney of North Manchester; three brothers, Lee (Carol) Grable of Fort Wayne; Tim (Meyoung) Grable of Columbia City; Steve (Jennifer) Grable of Kendallville; a sister, June (Tom) James of Fort Wayne; a stepbrother, Bill (Kim) McKenzie of North Manchester; four stepsisters, Donna (Bill) Medley and Norma (Larry) Barker of North Manchester; Kathy Baron of Huntington and Cindy (Jim) Howard of Woodburn.

The funeral service is 11 a.m. Monday, Aug. 15, at DeLaughter-McKee Mortuary North Manchester Chapel with Pastors J.P. Freeman and Kurt Stout officiating. Calling is from 1 to 6 p.m. at the chapel. The burial will be at Oaklwan Cemetery in North Manchester.

Memorials may be sent to the Children's Education Fund care of First Federal Savings Bank or Final Expenses Fund care of DeLaughter-McKee Mortuary.

Eleanor L. Notter, 88

Service Pending

Jan. 12, 1917 - Aug. 12, 2005

Eleanor L. Notter, 88, of Columbia City, died at 1:15 a.m. Friday, Aug. 12, 2005, at Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehab Center in Angola.

She was born in Huntington on Jan. 12, 1917, a daughter of Orville and Ethel (Beeching) Stephan.

Raised in Huntington County, she graduated from Huntington High School with the Class of 1934.

She married Louis C. Notter, Sr. and lived in Andrews before moving to Fort Wayne. In 1965 she moved to Loon Lake.

After retirement, she and her husband split their time between their homes in Loon Lake and Lake Placid, Fla.

She was a member of the United Methodist Church in Andrews, Eastern Star, Ladies of the Elks, Home Extension Club and Woman's Club of Lake Placid, Fla.

She is survived by two sons, Louis C. (Christine) Notter, Jr. of Columbia City and Michael S. (Sondra) Notter of Angola; six grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband and two sisters, Ellen Stephan and Eudora Russell.

Funeral arrangements are pending at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Drive in Columbia City. Burial will be at Riverside Cemetery in Andrews.

Memorials may be given in memory of Mrs. Notter to the Lion's International Eye Bank, League for the Blind, Saint Judes Children's Research Hospital or Whitley County Council on Aging. Envelopes are available at the

funeral home.

To send family condolences or light a memorial candle in her memory, visit www.demoneygrimes.com.



Notter

The following obituary is being reprinted due to an error in the memorial service date.

Jane Ellen Helsel, 66

Jane Ellen Helsel, 66, of Lake Placid, Fla., died Aug. 5, 2005, at home.

Born in Detroit, Mich., she grew up and attended school in Plymouth.

She was a resident of Churubusco for the past 35 years and a winter resident of Lake Placid since 2000.

She was a qualified medical assistant in a nursing home.

Survivors include her husband of 49 years, James C. Helsel of Churubusco; daughters, Kim Helsel of Chelsea, Mich.; and Kelly (Jerry) Rogers of Redkey; a son, Richard (Ronda) Helsel of Columbia City; an aunt, Betty Burke of Plymouth; sisters, Aileen Boggess of Columbia City, and Kathy Howe of Cincinnati, Ohio; and 10 grandchildren.

A memorial service is at 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 27, at Churubusco United Methodist Church.

Arrangements are entrusted to Chandler Funeral Home. (863) 465-2113.

Lila Elizabeth Schlotterback, 95

July 25, 1910 - Aug. 14, 2005

Lila Elizabeth Schlotterback, 95, of Columbia City, died at 12:45 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 14, 2005, at The Oaks Living Care Center in Columbia City.

Born in Columbia City on July 25, 1910, a daughter of Ervin and Blanche (Wilson) Geiger, she lived her entire life in Whitley County, most of it in Columbia City. She attended Thorncreek Township School.



Schlotterback

She first married Arthur E. Shepard on April 28, 1928 in Columbia City and her second marriage was to

Wilbur Pressler in August of 1960 and lastly she married Ira Schlotterback on May 24, 1980 in Columbia City.

She was first employed with Whitley Products, both in Columbia City and Pierceton from 1947 to 1962 and then retired in 1985 as a nursing assistant at Whitley Memorial Hospital in Columbia City, where she began working in 1962.

She was a member of Merriam Christian Chapel Church, Columbia City Ruth Rebekah Lodge and Columbia City Order of the Eastern Star prior to her health failing.

Survivors include a daughter, Marilyn (Roger F.) Fry of Columbia City; several step-children; 12 grandchildren; numerous great- and great-great-grandchildren; numerous step- great and step-great-great-grandchildren; a sister, Madge Pence and a brother, Walter Wayne Geiger, both of Columbia City.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husbands, Arthur E. Shepard who died Nov. 29, 1941; Wilbur Pressler who died Oct. 6, 1970 and Ira Schlotterback who died May 24, 1983; three daughters, Blanche Hockensmith, Lois Jean Templeton and infant daughter, Patricia Ann Shepard; four sisters, Blondena Jane Jones, Thelma Holycross, Mildred Pence and an infant sister; five brothers, John Geiger, Robert Geiger, Paul Geiger and two infant brothers; and a great-grandson.

Evelyn W. Black, 87

June 14, 1918 - Aug. 13, 2005

Evelyn W. Black, 87, of Warsaw, died at

10:13 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 13, 2005, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Born on June 14, 1918, in Noble County, she was a daughter of Ray and Delphia (Bair) Gawthrop.

She married Frank Black on June 3, 1939. He died in May of 1999.

A resident of Kosciusko County since 1939, she retired in 1977 after 22 years working as a cashier at Owen's Supermarket in Warsaw.



Black

She was a member of First Christian Church, Warsaw.

Survivors include a son, Jerry (Connie) Black of Warsaw; a daughter, Linda Black of Warsaw; two grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by two brothers; two sisters and a great-grandson.

Visitation is from 5 to 8 p.m. today at Titus Funeral Home in Warsaw. Also from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home prior to the 1 p.m. service, with the Rev. Ronnie Sams officiating. Burial is at Oakwood Cemetery, Warsaw.

Memorials may be directed to First Christian Church - the Danny Pitzer Fund, 202 W. Main St., Warsaw, IN 46580; or to Multi-Township EMS, 2307 E. Center St., Warsaw, IN 46580.

Visitation is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 16, at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Drive in Columbia City. The funeral service is at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at the funeral home with Pastor Terry Zolman of Merriam Christian Chapel Church, officiating. Burial is at South Park (Original) Cemetery, Columbia City.

Memorial bequests may be given in Mrs. Schlotterback's memory to Merriam Christian Chapel Church or Columbia City United Methodist Church. Envelopes are available at the funeral home.

To send condolences to the family, sign the guest register or to light a memorial candle in Mrs. Schlotterback's memory, please visit www.demoneygrimes.com.

Susan E. McKenzie, 46

Feb. 5, 1959 - Aug. 13, 2005

Susan E. McKenzie, 46, of Columbia City, died Saturday, Aug. 13, 2005, at her home of natural causes.

Born on Feb. 5, 1959, in Columbia City, a daughter of Roland D. "Ron" and Marilyn A. (Beck) King, her formative years were spent in Cleveland Township and she graduated from Whitko High School.



McKenzie

A homemaker, she was employed at R.R. Donnelley's a short time.

Survivors include her husband, Rick; two sons, Joshua (Jamie) Loe of Warsaw and Jason Loe of Larwill; step-son, Jerome (Melissa) McKenzie of San Bernardino, Calif.; step-daughter, Melissa (Jason) Evans of North Manchester; four step-granddaughters; her parents, Ron and Marilyn King of South Whitley; her in-laws, Jack and Phyllis McKenzie of Warsaw; and three sisters, Rebecca (Mitch) Winger and Laura King, both of South Whitley and Jacqueline (Tim) Huber of Warsaw.

The funeral service is at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 17, at Smith and Sons Miller Chapel in South Whitley with Gerald Bills officiating. Burial is at South Whitley Cemetery. Visitation is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to the final expense account in care of Smith and Sons Funeral Homes.

Condolences may be sent to www.smithandsonsfuneralhome.com

Richard L. Timmons Jr., 49

May 5, 1956 - Aug. 12, 2005

Richard L. Timmons Jr., 49, of Syracuse, died at 9:37 a.m. Friday, Aug. 12, 2005, at his home.

Born in Elkhart on May 5, 1956, a son of

Richard L. and Jayne M. (Kline) Timmons Sr., he graduated from Wawasee High School with the Class of 1974.

A lifetime resident of Syracuse, he attended the American School of Floral Design in Chicago, Ill. He was a former manager of Country Home Floral and Gifts in Syracuse, then the former owner of Wawasee Floral Company and for the past five years he was employed with Mennards, Goshen.

Survivors include his parents, Richard L. and Jayne Timmons of Syracuse; a brother, Greg Timmons of Syracuse; two nieces, a nephew and a god son.

Visitation was from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. today at Yoder-Culp Funeral Home, 1911 S. Main St., Goshen, with the staff of DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Drive in Columbia City, in charge of arrangements. The funeral service was at 1 p.m. today at Yoder-Culp Funeral Home with Pastor Brian Stutzman of the Abundant Life Ministries officiating. Burial is at Syracuse Cemetery, Syracuse.

Memorial bequests may be given in Mr. Timmons' memory to Abundant Life Ministries. Envelopes are available at the funeral home.

To send condolences to the family, sign the guest register or to light a memorial candle in Mr. Timmons' memory, please visit www.demoneygrimes.com.

Quinn service

Pastor David A. Furuness officiating at the memorial service for John Thomas Quinn, 69, on Saturday, Aug. 13, 2005, at Gethsemane Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne.

Pianist Chris Hoffman provided traditional hymns for the musical selections.

Burial was at a prior date to the service in the Catholic Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Quinn, husband of Linda Kay Quinn and father of Debbie Kay Winget, died Saturday, July 23.

Services were entrusted to DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home in Columbia City.

Harber service

Father Joachim Quadros officiated at the funeral mass for Joseph Marion Harber, 77, on Saturday, Aug. 13, 2005, at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Arcola.

Music included "Be Not Afraid," "Prayer of St. Francis," "Ave Maria" and "On Eagle's Wings" with Kurt Kehmeyer as organist and Judy Kehmeyer as cantor.

Casketbearers were Robert, Edward and Kenneth Harber, Ken Shaw, Juergen Mauger, Bill Arivett and Mike Phillips. Burial was at St. Patrick's Catholic Cemetery, Arcola.

A lifetime Whitley County farmer, Mr Harber, husband of Alice M. Harber and father of Robert Harber, Mary Shaw, Kenneth Harber, Sharon Mauger, Edward Harber, Nancy Arivett and Susan Phillips, died Wednesday, Aug. 10.

Arrangements were by DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home in Columbia City.

Geiger service

The Rev. Ross O'Dell officiated at the memorial service for Paul L. Geiger, 91, on Saturday, Aug. 13, 2005, at Trinity Evangelical Presbyterian Church.

Music included traditional hymns with "Amazing Grace" and "The Old Rugged Cross" as congregational hymns, with Ardeth Frank as organist and Stefanie Ambrose as pianist.

Burial will take place at a future date at South Park Original Cemetery, Columbia City.

Mr. Geiger, husband of LuVerne A. Geiger, and father of Jane Niemeier and Paul Geiger Jr., died Wednesday, Aug. 10.

The services was entrusted to DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home in Columbia City.

Timmons service

Pastor Brian Stutzman officiated at the funeral service for Richard L. Timmons Jr., 49, on Monday, Aug. 15, 2005, at Yoder-Culp Funeral Home in Goshen.

Music included recorded selections.

Serving as casketbearers were Greg and Derek Timmons, Doug and Jim Plummer, Dave Copenhaver, Brian Stutzman and Jeff Eisinger. Burial was at Syracuse Cemetery, Syracuse.

Mr. Timmons, son of Richard and Jane Timmons Sr., and brother of Greg Timmons, died at his home on Friday, Aug. 12.

Arrangements were by DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home in Columbia City.

Barbara Brindle, 81

Sept. 18, 1923 - Aug. 17, 2005

Barbara Brindle, 81, a resident of Columbia City, died at 12:01 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 17, 2005, at Parkview Whitley Hospital in Columbia City where she was admitted Sunday.

Born on Sept. 18, 1923 in Fort Wayne, a daughter of George W. and Florence (Burkett) Myers, her formative years were spent in Columbia City and she graduated with the class of 1940 from Columbia City High School. She received a bachelor's degree from Earlham College, a Master of Arts degree from Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, and a Master of Ministry degree from Earlham School of Religion.

On April 24, 1942 she was united in marriage to Richard L. Brindle and they made their home in Richmond until 1975. While in Richmond, Mrs. Brindle worked as a clinical psychologist at Richmond State Hospital from 1960 until 1975. In 1975 they moved to Waterloo, Iowa and she worked as a pastoral counselor for the Blessed Sacrament Arch Diocese of Des Moines, Iowa from 1975 until 1984. After Mr. Brindle's death on Feb. 26, 1984, she moved to Tri Lakes. Since September 1998, she has made her home in Columbia City.

She was a member of the Community of Blessed Sacrament in Waterloo, Iowa, Secular Franciscan Order and Delta Theta Tau.

Surviving relatives include a son, David (Linda) Brindle of Goldsboro, N.C.; a daughter, Nancy Seller of Utica, N.Y.; two granddaughters; and a sister, Nancy (K.J.) Trout of Fort Wayne.

The graveside funeral service is at 2 p.m. today, Aug. 18, at Greenhill Cemetery with David L. Brindle officiating.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to Whitley County Historical Society.

Condolences may be sent to www.smithandsonsfuneralhome.com.

Arrangements are by Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City.

William R. (Bill) McKinney, 66

Nov. 23, 1938 - Aug. 17, 2005

William R. (Bill) McKinney, 66, of Albion, died at 7:25 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 17, 2005, at Miller's Merry Manor Nursing Home in Columbia City.

Born in Kokomo on Nov. 23, 1938, a son of Ralph C. and Dorothy (Phipps) McKinney, he attended Kokomo High School. He grew up in Kokomo and lived in Fort Wayne from 1965 to 1999 when he moved to Noble County.

He was united in marriage to Marilyn J. Baker on Dec. 17, 1957 in Kokomo.

He worked for Luntz and Sons Iron and Steel in Kokomo, prior to Levin and Sons Superior Scrap Steel in Fort Wayne for 35 years.

He was a member of Cornerstone Fellowship Church.

Survivors include his wife, Marilyn; four daughters, Yvonna M. (Tony) Elswick of Columbia City; Christy D. Demo of Albion; Dawn L. McKinney and Stephanie R. McKinney, both of Fort Wayne; four sons, Perry A. McKinney of Albion; Gregory S. McKinney of Sarasota, Fla.; Jason B. (Kimberly) McKinney of Missouri, and Tracy L. (Kristina) McKinney of Port St. Lucie, Fla.; 28 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; three brothers, Ralph L. McKinney of Liberty Mills; Michael (Margaret) McKinney of Sharpsville, and Larry (Betty) McKinney of Flora; and two sisters, Wanda (Waldo) Woods of Kokomo and Norma Jean (Nolan) Alley of Peru.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a son, William R. McKinney Jr.

Visitation is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 19, at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Drive in Columbia City. The funeral service is at 10 a.m. Saturday at the funeral home with Pastor Patricia Smith of Cornerstone Fellowship Church officiating. Burial is at Merriam Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

Memorial gifts may be given in Mr. McKinney's memory to the family. Envelopes are available at the funeral home.

For additional obituary information, sending condolences or to sign the family guest register book, please log on to www.demoneygrimes.com

Roberta A. Jackson, 63

Feb. 9, 1942 - Aug. 17, 2005

Roberta A. Jackson, 63, a resident of Churubusco and formerly of Fort Wayne, died at 11:20 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 17, 2005 at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. She had been in declining health for some time and had entered the hospital on Monday.



Jackson

Born on Feb. 9, 1942 in Fort Wayne, she was a daughter of Fred and Dolores (Kessinger) McClure. She had spent most of her life in Fort Wayne until moving to

Churubusco five years ago. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include two children, Rodney (Lisa) Johnston of LaOtto and Dolores (Keith) Gruber of Columbus; two sisters, Norma Landis of Columbia City, and Roxann (Danny) Brock of Fort Wayne; three brothers, Harold (Pat) McClure of Churubusco; and Don (Mary) McClure and Ed (Mary Lou) McClure, both of Fort Wayne; and six grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a sister, Vada Rice; and three brothers, Ray McClure, Bobby McClure and Gene McClure.

The funeral service is at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 20, at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco, with the Rev. Timothy Grable, pastor of Sugar Grove Church of God, officiating. The family will receive friends at the mortuary from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. today. Interment is at Eel River Cemetery, south of Churubusco.

Condolences may be e-mailed to the family at sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

Schlotterback service

Pastor Terry Zolman officiated at the funeral service for Lila E. Schlotterback, 95, on Wednesday, Aug. 17, 2005 at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home in Columbia City.

Prelude music included "Amazing Grace," "Ave Marie," "Rock of Ages" and "How Great Thou Art" with "Now the Day Is Over" as postlude by organist, Evelyn Stemen. Pastor Zolman read an e-mail condolence by a family member from Washington. Marilyn Fry, a daughter, shared family memories and a granddaughter, Barbara Anders, read a poem, "The Way to God." A video celebrating the life of Lila was shared before family and friends were dismissed.

Casketbearers were Mike Fry, Bob Parker, Bob Anders, Max Goldwood, Doug Hartman and Terry Schlotterback Jr. Burial was at South Park (Original) Cemetery, Columbia City.

Mrs. Schlotterback, mother of Marilyn Fry, died Sunday, Aug. 14,

Todd L. Hathaway, 68

Memorial service today

Todd L. Hathaway, 68, devoted husband and loving father, died Wednesday, Aug. 17, 2005. He lived his life with a strong faith in his God, Jehovah and a deep love for his family.

He is survived by his wife, Linda; daughter, Melisa; son, Eric; daughter-in-law, Anne; sister, Mrs. Art Garrison; and brother, Jack.

We invite you to remember Todd by attending his memorial service at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, located at 500 N. Oak St., Columbia City at 3 p.m. today. Visitation with the family begins at 2 p.m.

Doris J. Ankenbruck, 68

June 28, 1937 - Aug. 21, 2005

Doris J. Ankenbruck, 68, of Bryan, Ohio, died Sunday, Aug. 21, 2005, at the Dilworth Center in Montpelier, Ohio.

Born on June 28, 1937 in Columbia City; a daughter of Furlow and Cleo (Shelmadine) Burd, she attended Manchester College and graduated from the University of Toledo.

She married James B. Ankenbruck on Sept. 28, 1960 in Fort Wayne. He survives.

She was the divisional controller at Chase Brass before her retirement in 1990.

A member of First Presbyterian Church of Bryan, she had been active in the choir, bell choir and played piano and organ.

Her parents and two brothers, Paul and Jack Burd preceded her in death.

The funeral service is at 11 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 25, at First Presbyterian Church with the Rev. Rob Marrow officiating. Burial is at Brown Cemetery near Bryan. Visitation is from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Oberlin-Ford Funeral Home, 206 N. Lynn St. in Bryan.

Gifts in loving memory of Mrs. Ankenbruck

may be given to First Presbyterian Church or the Community Hospitals and Wellness Centers Hospice program.

Condolences may be sent to the family and the online guest book may be signed at www.oberlin-ford.com.

Mishler service

The funeral service for Ruby Lucille Mishler, 85, was Sunday afternoon, Aug. 14, 2005, at Smith and Sons Miller Chapel in South Whitley with Rob Mishler, a son-in-law, officiating.

Aryianne Crawford, a great-granddaughter, read the 23rd Psalm. The poem "The Swing" was read by great-granddaughter, Hannah Himes, accompanied by great-granddaughter, Shayla Himes. Reflections were shared by Milan Mishler, a son, and Susie Mishler, a daughter-in-law. Lori Mishler, a granddaughter, read the poem "Daffodils." Eric Mishler, a grandson, provided the closing prayers.

Alicia Evans played a variety of hymns during the organ prelude and postlude. She and her husband Marv, sang a medley of songs to close the service.

The committal service followed at South Whitley Cemetery. The grandsons, Clay Mishler Cole Mishler, T.J. Himes, Wade Himes, Greg Crawford, Ryan Crawford, Nathan Mishler, Eric Mishler, Randy Mishler and Rick Mishler, served as casketbearers. Nathan Mishler also provided the closing prayer at the cemetery.

Mrs. Mishler, widow of Hugh June Mishler and mother of Milan A. (Karen Sue) Mishler, Michael B. "Mick" Mishler, Manford C. (Suzy) Mishler, Monna Mary (Gene) Crawford, Marcie Mable (Lee) Himes, Marlene May (Rob) Mishler and Millie Maydene Mishler, died Thursday, Aug. 11.

Fulk service

The Syracuse V.F.W. Post 1342 Auxiliary provided a service for Lois L. Fulk, 69, on Tuesday afternoon, Aug. 9, 2005, at Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City. Participating members were Teri Hinziker, Ellie Myers, Diana Stocklin, Susan McClish and Sunny Colden.

Burial was Saturday, Aug. 13, at Thorn Cemetery.

Mrs. Fulk, mother of Alfred L. Cripe Jr., David L. Fulk, Anita M. Fletcher and Lora J. Stump, died Saturday, Aug. 6.

McKenzie service

The funeral service for Susan E. McKenzie, 46, was Wednesday afternoon, Aug. 17, 2005, at Smith and Sons Miller Chapel in South Whitley, with Gerald Bills officiating.

A variety of favorite selections were played during the prelude and postlude including "Not A Day Goes By," "I Pray" and "Amazed" all by LoneStar, "Amazing Grace" and "Go Rest High On That Mountain" by Vince Gill.

The committal service followed at South Whitley Cemetery. Casketbearers were Zach McKenzie, Zeke McKenzie, A.J. McKenzie, Larry Hapner, Ryne Winger and Brett Chapin.

Mrs. McKenzie, wife of Rick McKenzie, mother of Joshua (Jamie) Loe and Jason Loe, and daughter of Ron and Marilyn King, died Saturday, Aug. 13.

Harter service

The funeral service for Isabelle "Kay" Harter, 78, was Friday morning, Aug. 12, 2005, at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church in Pierceton with Father Bruce Piechocki as celebrant and Father John Pfister assisting. Chaplain Glenn Byers provided a eulogy. Pat Landrigan was the reader and Jason Landrigan was server.

Beverly Rieger played a variety of hymns during the organ prelude and postlude. Jeremy Hoy served as cantor.

The committal service followed at Lakeview Cemetery in Larwill. Casketbearers were Michael Schnurr, Scott Darley, Duane Burkhardt, Britton Burkhardt, Taylor Burkhardt, John David Leitch, Ali Darley and Abby Schnurr.

A rosary service was Thursday evening at Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City.

Mrs. Harter, widow of David H. Harter and mother of Kathleen L. (Michael) Schnurr, Rhonda M. (Scott) Darley and Angela L. (Duane) Burkhardt, died Monday, Aug. 8.

Ernest G. "Ernie" Roy, 75

April 24, 1930 - Aug. 22, 2005

Ernest G. "Ernie" Roy, 75, a resident of Columbia City, died Monday morning, Aug. 22, 2005, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne where he was transported Sunday evening after becoming suddenly ill.



Born on April 24, 1930 in Belcourt, N.D., he was a son of Edward C. and Virginie (Roberge) Roy. As a young boy his family moved to Wisconsin. He graduated from Rosholt High School in Rosholt, Wis. and continued his education at Wisconsin University.

In 1948 he enlisted in the U.S. Navy, serving on the U.S.S. Midway. On Oct. 2, 1951 he enlisted in the U.S. Army, serving during the Korean War. He was honorably discharged Sept. 26, 1953.

On Nov. 24, 1954, he was united in marriage to Gertrude S. "Trudy" Klish. They made their home in Anderson and later Logansport. In 1965 they moved to Columbia City. Mrs. Roy died Aug. 26, 1990.

He worked at various Ford dealers from 1955 until his retirement from Trier's Ford Chrysler on June 7, 1993.

His memberships include St. Paul of the



Roy

Cross Catholic Church, Knights of Columbus, of which he served as a former Grand Knight, V.F.W. Post 5582 and American Legion Post 98.

Survivors include a daughter, Ellen (Michael) Jagger; two sons, Michael (Deb) Roy and John (Karla) Roy, all of Columbia City; a daughter-in-law, Martha Jane Roy of Belton, Mo.; 11 grandchildren; a brother, Joseph Roy of Salem, Ore.; and three sisters, Lillian Henderson of St. Paul, Minn.; Ellen Vesper of Louisville, Ky.; and Deloris Brown of Nelson, Minn.

In addition to his wife, he was preceded in death by a son, Charles Roy; three brothers and a sister.

The funeral mass is at 10 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 25, at St. Paul of the Cross Catholic Church, 315 S. Line St., Columbia City, with Father Larry Kramer as celebrant. Visitation is from 2 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City, and one hour prior to the service at the church on Thursday. A prayer service is at 8:30 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Burial is at the Catholic Cemetery, with military honors by American Legion Post 98.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to St. Paul of the Cross Catholic Church Building Fund.

Condolences may be sent to www.smithandsonsfuneralhome.com.

Flora Ethel Lawson, 89

July 23, 1916 - Aug. 22, 2005

Flora Ethel Lawson, 89 of Squire, W. Va, died Monday, Aug. 22, 2005, at her home.

Born on July 23, 1916 in Scott County, Va., she was a daughter of the late Willie E. and Nannie (Harris) Kilgore.

A 57-year member of the Ellison Rebekah Lodge 90, where she was a past District Deputy and a past Nobel Grand, she was a 20-year member of the Bramwell Chapter 158 Order of the Eastern Star. She had been very involved in her children's school activities and was very active in the PTA.

She was of the Baptist faith and was devoted to her family and community. God blessed her with a long life and a pioneer spirit that prevailed. Her family is happy to proclaim her victory over death as she walks into the arms of her Savior.

In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by her husband, Harvey Johnson Lawson; a son, Burleigh Lawson; and a sister, Jennie Mae Pope.

Survivors include three daughters, Ada Gertrude (Lee) Brinkley of Salem, Mo., Rita L. (Alvin) Calhoun of Moneta, Va., and Brenda L. (Dave) Bales of Columbia City; two sons, Wincel E. Lawson of Portsmouth, Va. and E. Wayne (Ora Mae) Lawson of Lindsie, W. Va.; a special daughter-in-law, Marie H. Lawson of War, W. Va., wife of Burleigh Lawson; a sister, Peggy (Lowell) Broadwater of Nickelsville, Va.; two brothers, Bill (Lena) Kilgore of Gate City, Va. and Joe (Agnes) Kilgore of Kingsport, Tenn.; 10 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; four great-great grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

The funeral service is at 11 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 25, at Peery & St. Clair Funeral Home Chapel in Tazewell, Va., with the Rev. Gus Anderson officiating. The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 6 to 8 p.m. today. Burial is at Grandview Memory Gardens in Bluefield, Va. Serving as casketbearers are Michael Marx, Michael Rosine, Greg Calhoun,

Jeremiah Calhoun, Steve Ruhd II, Richard Winand, Jeffrey Lawson and Jason Bales.

The family requests memorial donations be made to a favorite charity.

Brindle service

The graveside funeral service of Barbara Brindle, 81, was Thursday afternoon, Aug. 18, 2005, at Greenhill Cemetery, Columbia City, with David L. Brindle, the son, officiating.

Family members served as casketbearers.

Mrs. Brindle, widow of Richard L. Brindle and mother of David L. Brindle and Nancy Seller, died Wednesday, Aug. 17.

Arrangements were completed by Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City.

McKinney service

Pastor Patricia Smith officiated at the funeral service for William R. McKinney, 66, on Saturday, Aug. 20, 2005, at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home in Columbia City.

Organist Evelyn Stemen included "Peace in the Valley," "In the Garden," "The Old Rugged Cross" and "Set Your Sails and Head for Home." Family and friends were dismissed to the Angel of Hope Memorial Garden for a bird of peace ceremony.

Casketbearers were Perry, Gregory, Jason, Tracy and Jacob McKinney. Burial was at Merriam Christian Chapel, Merriam, Noble County.

Mr. McKinney, husband of Marilyn J. McKinney and father of Yvonna Elswick, Christy Demo, Dawn, Stephanie, Perry, Gregory, Jason and Tracy McKinney, died Wednesday, Aug. 17.

Roy F. Boland, 95

June 8, 1910 - Aug. 24, 2005

Roy F. Boland, 95, of rural Columbia City, died Wednesday afternoon, Aug. 24, 2005, at the family residence in Smith Township. He had been in declining health for some time and had been seriously ill for the past two days.



Born on June 8, 1910, in Fort Wayne, a son of Archie and Hulda (Hellwig) Boland, he spent his formative years there.

His marriage to Anna C. Bauermeister took place in Fort Wayne on June 6, 1936.

He served in the Rhineland, Central Europe and Ardennes theaters with the U.S. Army during World War II and was awarded the prestigious Bronze Star Medal and the Purple Heart.



Boland

Following his discharge, he returned to Fort Wayne and lived there until moving to the Churubusco area in 1969. He lived at his present home in Smith Township for the past 29 years and was a member of Faith Lutheran Church in Churubusco.

A retired employee of the Falstaff Brewing Company in Fort Wayne, he had worked there for 39 years until retiring in 1972.

Surviving relatives include his widow, Anna; and two sons, Raymond Boland and Floyd Boland, both of Columbia City.

The funeral service is at 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 27, at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with the Rev. Lane Burgland of Faith Lutheran Church officiating. The family will receive friends at the mortuary from 5 to 8 p.m. today, or one hour prior to the service Saturday afternoon. Interment, with military graveside rites, is at Eel River Cemetery, south of Churubusco.

Condolences may be e-mailed to the family at sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

Eugene M. Buckingham, 91

Jan. 22, 1914 - Aug. 25, 2005

Eugene Buckingham, 91, of Life Care Center, Rochester, died at 3:45 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 25, 2005 at Woodlawn Hospital in Rochester.

Born on Jan. 22, 1914 in Fulton, he was a son of Frank and Hazel (Easterday) Buckingham.

On June 6, 1942 he married Beuna V. Guise. in Kewanna. She died Oct. 15, 2003.

Mr. Buckingham retired from Indiana Metal Products in Rochester after 30 years. He also worked for the Rochester Parks Department.

A life member of Rochester Lions Club and Trinity United Methodist Church, he enjoyed woodworking and recycling.

Survivors include a daughter, Donna (Jeffrey) Ott of South Whitley; a son, David (Penney) Buckingham of Grande Ronde, Ore.; four grandchildren; a sister, Ann (Ralph) Little of Kokomo; and nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by a sister, Pauline Jones.

The funeral service is at 10:30 a.m. Monday, Aug. 29; at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, 1101 Jefferson, Rochester, with the Rev. Buck Padilla officiating. Friends may call from 3 to 5 p.m. Sunday and one hour prior to the service at the funeral home. Burial is at Odd Fellows Cemetery, Rochester.

Memorial contributions may be made to Trinity United Methodist Church, Rochester.

Mason Storm Trowbridge, 14 months

June 23, 2004 - Aug. 26, 2005

Mason Storm Trowbridge, 14 months old, died at 2:15 p.m. Friday, Aug. 26, 2005 at Riley Children's Hospital in Indianapolis.

Born on June 23, 2004, at I.U. Hospital in Indianapolis, he was a son of Scott and Deana (Johnson) Trowbridge. He was diagnosed with complex cyanotic congenital heart defect prior to birth.



Trowbridge

Survivors include his parents, Scott and Deana

Trowbridge of Rome City; two sisters, Amber Giese, 14, and Brianna Trowbridge, 8, both at home; paternal grandparents Patricia and Walter Trowbridge Sr. of Kendallville; maternal grandmother, Linda Marie Johnson of Columbia City; maternal great-grandparents, Ardith Baker of Columbia City, and Russell and Hortense Johnson of Alabama; and several aunts and uncles.

He was preceded in death by a maternal grandfather, James Johnson; maternal great-grandfather, Harold O. Baker and paternal grandparents, Burt and Hazel Trowbridge and Wallace and Pauline Johnston.

Visitation is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. today at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville, and from 9 to 10 a.m. Tuesday at the Burr Oak Baptist Church, Albion. The funeral service is at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the church, with the Rev Mark Woods officiating. Burial is at Sweet Cemetery.

Preferred memorials are to Riley Children's Hospital or to the Brianna Trowbridge Trust Fund, as she was also diagnosed with complex cyanotic congenital heart defect and was a former patient at Riley Children's Hospital.

Condolences may be sent to the family at berhalterhutchinsfuneralhome.com.

Shirley J. McCord, 71

Jan. 5, 1934 - Aug. 27, 2005

Shirley J. McCord, 71, of Swayzee, died at 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 27, 2005, at Ball Memorial Hospital in Muncie.

Born on Jan. 5, 1934, in Paris, Tenn., she was a daughter of John B. and Thelma B. (McElroy) Foster.

She married John F. McCord on July 25, 1949.

Retired from Bradner Village Health Center, where she was activities director, she had previously been activities assistant at Wesleyan Health Care.

She attended Open Door Fellowship Church and was a member of the sewing guild and senior citizens sewing group in Marion. She had volunteered at the Grant County Humane Shelter

and was a past guardian for the Job's Daughters, Bethel #700, Gas City.

Survivors include her husband; two daughters, Roseanna (Will) Miller of Columbia City, and Johnny (Ed) Black of Swayzee; a grandson and nieces and nephews

She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Johnnie Foster.

Calling is from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. today at Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral Service, Rybolt Chapel, 314 N. Washington St., Swayzee. The funeral service is at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the funeral home with the Rev. James Miller officiating. Casketbearers are Paul McCord, Will Miller, Ed Black, Christopher Black and Tim Edgell. Burial is at Thrailkill Cemetery, Swayzee.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Riley Hospital Children's Fund, 50 S. Meridian St., Suite 500, Indianapolis, IN 46209-6378.

Online condolences may be made at www.nswcares.com

Gladys E. Lieberenz, 86

Feb. 21, 1919 - Aug. 27, 2005

Gladys E. Lieberenz, 86, a resident of rural Kimmell, died Saturday morning, Aug. 27, 2005, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville following an unexpected illness.

Born on Feb. 21, 1919, in Waterloo, she was a daughter of Roy and Inez (Carper) Maurer.

She was united in marriage to Joe L. Lieberenz on April 16, 1938, in Huntington. They moved from Fort Wayne to Wolf Lake in 1963. For 25 years she and her husband co-owned and operated the Wolf Lake Greenhouse, retiring in 1984. Mr. Lieberenz died Sept. 20, 1988.

Survivors include a son, Larry Lieberenz of Kimmell; three grandchildren; three great-grandchildren and a great-great-grandchild.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by a brother and sister.

The funeral service is at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 30, at Sheets and Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco, with Pastor Rick Van Horn officiating. Burial will follow at Greenlawn Memorial Park Cemetery in Fort Wayne. The family will receive friends from 11 a.m. until time of service on Tuesday.

Condolences may be e-mailed to the family at sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

Aaron C. Mack, 42

Feb. 4, 1963 - Aug. 25, 2005

Aaron C. Mack, 42, former Columbia City area resident, died Wednesday, Aug. 25, 2005 at Genesys Hospice Center in Davidson, Mich.

Born on Feb. 4, 1963 in Fort Wayne, a son of Gerry and Marsha (Clem) Mack, his formative years were spent in the Big Lake and Columbia City communities and he graduated from Central Noble High School in 1981.

Mr. Mack had been a resident of Davidson since 1995. He was a real estate agent for the Red Carpet Real Estate Company in Davidson.

Surviving relatives include his wife, Nicole; children, Tony, Tyler and Tori Mack, Kylee and Cassidy Visser; his mother, Marsha Mack and a sister, Cari Shoda, both of Columbia City.

He was preceded in death by his father, two sisters, Lori and Juli and a brother, John.

A family memorial service was Aug. 27, 2005,

In keeping with the wishes of Mr. Mack, his body was donated to the University of Michigan Medical School for medical research.

Dona M. Martin, 93

Aug. 6, 1912 - Aug. 27, 2005

Dona M. Martin, 93 of Wooster, Ohio, died Saturday, August 27, 2005 in West View Manor Nursing Home.

Born on Aug. 6, 1912, in Harrison County, W. Va., she was the daughter of Charles Wesley and Sarah Ellen (Robinson) Edgell.

A homemaker, she had been a nurse's aid and was a former Boy Scout leader.

Surviving are the Rev. Jim and Carolyn Martin of Columbia City; Robert and Kyle Martin of Loudonville, Ohio; Carl and Mary Martin Daugherty of Wooster, Juanita Thompson of Japan, Vena Ellen McIntire of Loudonville; nine grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren and a sister, Opal Fisher of Millersburg.

Preceding her in death was her husband, Jacob Martin, two brothers and two sisters, two grandsons and a great-grandchild.

Private family services will be held.

Arrangements are being handled by McIntire, Davis & Greene Funeral Home, 216 E. Larwill St., Wooster, OH 44691 (330) 262-7771.

Roy service

The funeral mass for Ernest G. "Ernie" Roy,

75, was Thursday morning, Aug. 25, 2005, at St. Paul of the Cross Catholic Church in Columbia City, with Father Larry Kramer as celebrant. Deacon Joseph Zickgraf assisted with Jeremy Hinen, Holly Kyler and Zachery Rupp as servers. The readers were Dick Buchanan and Bill Duffy. Laura Kyler and Joe Roy served as eucharistic ministers.

Joanna Ewing played a variety of hymns during the prelude and postlude including "Only a Shadow." Chris Schilling was the cantor. The entrance hymn was "Here I am Lord," responsive hymn was "On Eagle's Wings," preparation hymn was "You Are Near," communion hymn was "Prayer of St. Francis" and the closing hymn was "Be Not Afraid."

Committal service followed at the Catholic Cemetery. Casketbearers were Brad Whiteleather, Brian Bills, Dave Cleland, Dick Buchanan, Stan Schmitt, Steve Schmitt and Ellis Amburgey.

American Legion Post 98 presented military honors at the cemetery. Dean Ramsey served as chaplain and commander. Brock Roy, a grandson, was presented the flag. The color guard included Frank Daniels as commander, Homer Wells, Paul Thompson and Ray Gilbert. The firing squad included Bill Hare as commander, Ted Hare, Bob Hearld, Bill Rea, John Slabaugh and Paul Brower. Joe Hare was the bugler.

A prayer service conducted by Deacon Joseph Zickgraf was Wednesday evening at Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City.

Mr. Roy, widow of Gertrude S. "Trudy" (Klish) Roy and father of Ellen (Michael) Jagger, Michael (Deb) Roy, John (Karla) Roy and the late Charles Roy, died Monday, Aug. 22.

Howard C. Rex, 86

Sept. 6, 1918 - Aug. 28, 2005

Howard C. Rex, 86, of Columbia City, formerly of Albion, Noble County, died at 5 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 28, 2005, in the Pacific Ocean aboard the Celebrity Cruises Cruise Lines.

Born on Sept. 6, 1918, in Noble County, he was a son of Charles and Tessie Mae (Pressler) Rex.

His first marriage was to Betty M. Slaybaugh-Geiger on March 2, 1946, in Rochester, Fulton County. His second marriage was to Arlene June Fruchey Briggs on Oct. 9, 1999, in Columbia City.

He entered the U.S. Navy during World War II and served from July 1, 1942, until Sept. 23, 1944.

He worked for a Fort Wayne Ford dealership as a Ford mechanic for 35 years until his retirement.

He was a stock car race fan and owner of Car #53.

He was a member of Avilla and Baer Field Race Tracks and was inducted into both tracks' Hall of Fame.

Survivors include his wife, Arlene; two sons, Tony (Pam) Rex of Monroeville, and Joe (Judy)

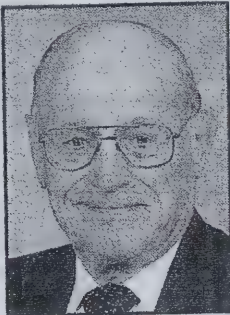
Geiger of Fremont; a daughter, Connie (Moe) Brewer of Decatur; two step-sons, Pastor Stephen (Karen) Briggs of Binghamton, N.Y., and Richard "Fuzzy" (Sharon) Briggs of Columbia City; six grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; five step-grandchildren; three step-great-grandchildren; two sisters, Marie Harrison of LaPorte, and Mary Cphart of Columbia City.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his first wife, Betty, who died Oct. 28, 1991; three brothers, Fred, Luther and James Rex, and a sister, Daisy Carmen.

Visitation is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 3, at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Drive in Columbia City. The funeral service is at 1 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home with Pastor Stephen Briggs officiating. Burial is in Thorn Cemetery, Ormas, Noble County, with graveside military service conducted by Lincoln American Legion Post #82, Fort Wayne.

Memorial bequests may be given in Mr. Rex's memory to donor's choice or with gifts directed to the family. Envelopes are available at the funeral home.

To send condolences to the family, sign the guest register or to light a memorial candle in Mr. Rex's memory, please visit www.demoneygrimes.com.



Rex



Clifford O. Ternet, 81

Nov. 4, 1923 - Aug. 29, 2005

Clifford O. Ternet, 81, a resident of rural Avilla, died at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 29, 2005, in the emergency room at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville. Although he had submitted to heart bypass surgery in April, he had fully recovered and his death was unexpected.

Born on Nov. 4, 1923, in rural Allen County near Monroeville, he was a son of Cletus and Susan (Falls) Ternet and spent his formative years there.

He served in the U.S. Army during World War II.

His marriage was to Helen I. Lewis on Aug. 8, 1942, in Fort Wayne. She died May 14, 1999.

Employed at Franke Plating in Fort Wayne for 41 years, he retired as a production manager in 1989. For the past 10 years he had worked as a truck driver for Ternet Metal Finishing.

He was a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church at Ege, the Avilla American Legion Post 240 and Veteran's of Foreign Wars Post 857 in Fort Wayne.

Survivors include six children, Jack C. (Sandra) Ternet of LaOtto; Neal F. (Garree) Ternet of Tri Lakes; Kathryn (Jerry) Strowmatt of Kendallville; Carol S. Ternet of Avilla; Ned O. (Rita) Ternet of Garrett and Ted O. (Camille) Ternet of South Whitley; a daughter-in-law, Loretta Ternet of LaOtto; a sister-in-law, Audrey Ternet of Avilla; 37 grandchildren; 39 great-

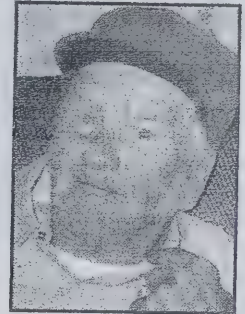
grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents and spouse, he was preceded in death by a son, Billy A. Ternet Sr.; a granddaughter; three brothers, Kenny Ternet, Paul Ternet and Merlin Ternet; and two sisters, Idel Bermus and Odeal Messman.

The Mass of Christian Burial is celebrated at 10 a.m. Friday, Sept. 2, at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church at Ege, with Father Danny Pinto as celebrant. The family will receive friends from 2 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco. The Rosary will be recited at 8 p.m. at the mortuary. Interment is at St. Mary's Cemetery in Avilla, with military graveside rites by Avilla American Legion Post 240.

For those who wish, memorials may be made for masses.

Condolences may be e-mailed to the family at sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.



Ternet



Edna M. Striggle, 85

April 20, 1920 - Aug. 29, 2005

Edna M. Striggle, 85, a resident of South Whitley, died at 1:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 29, 2005, at Parkview Whitley Hospital in Columbia City where she was admitted on Aug. 10.

Born on April 20, 1920, in Cleveland Township, Whitley County, she was a daughter of Bert and Lizzie (Bowers) Myers. Her formative years were spent in Cleveland Township and she graduated from South Whitley High School.

On Oct. 1, 1938, she was united in marriage to Richard V. Striggle. With the exception of three years in Washington, D.C., they made their home in South Whitley. Mr. Striggle died June 8, 2001.

She was employed at Mayer State Bank and Farmers Loan & Trust Mayer Bank for 25 years and retired from Whitley Memorial Hospital in 1982 with seven years of service.

Her memberships included South Whitley United Methodist Church and its Helping Hands Missionary Circle and Sharon Sunday School class.

Surviving relatives include several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by four brothers, Boyd, Evan, Gene and Glen Myers, and four sisters, Bertha Grable, Marie Webster, Fern Leaf and June Austin.

The graveside service is at 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 3, at South Whitley Cemetery with the Rev. Paul Burns, pastor of South Whitley United Methodist Church, officiating.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to her church.

Condolences may be sent to www.smithandsonsfuneralhome.com.

Arrangements are by Smith and Sons Miller Chapel in South Whitley.



Striggle

Samuel A. 'Pops' Hochstetler, 85

Dec. 22, 1919 - Aug. 29, 2005

Samuel A. "Pops" Hochstetler, 85, went on his final journey Monday, Aug. 29, 2005, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne. Death was caused by a fall on Aug. 7.

Born on Dec. 22, 1919, in Topeka, he was a son of Albert and Anna (Miller) Hochstetler. He had homes in Topeka, Fort Wayne and Tucson. He loved to travel, with Alaska being his favorite destination.

The founder and CEO of Tite-Lok Mounting Clamps in 1974, he was a charter member of the LTAA Hall of Fame and was past director of SEMA. He was a leader of the truck cap industry and the inventor of the aluminum mounting clamp. He was affectionately called "The King of Clamps." He had sold John Deere equipment and Bobcats and once had a feed mill in Emma.

Survivors include his beloved wife and partner, Jill; a daughter, Kari Prince of Fort Wayne; sons, Stanley (Elaine) Hochstetler of Columbia City; Richard (Peg) Hochstetler of Goshen, and Robert Prince of Fort Wayne. He was blessed with 10 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. Also surviving are sisters, Elizabeth Miller of Topeka; Barbara (Alvin) Beechy of Millersburg; and Anna Mae Hochstetler of LaGrange; and brothers, John (Martha) Hochstetler of Hicksville, and Dan (Katie) Hochstetler of Topeka.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his first wife, Gladys (Wingard); mother-in-law, Mildred Smith and sister-in-law, Peggy (Richard) Colley.

Honorary casketbearers are Norma Hochstetler, Ura Hochstetler, Loretta Streich, Jane Woodworth and Tim Miller, all loyal 20-year plus employees.

Visitation is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 1, at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, 705 S. Main St. in Ligonier, with personal memories shared at 4 p.m. Future interment is at Copper Creek, Alaska.

Preferred memorials may be made to LaGrange County Animal Shelter.

Samuel George Buchanan, 82

July 21, 1923 - Aug. 30, 2005

Samuel George Buchanan, 82, of Columbia City, died at 2:30 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 30, 2005, at home.

Born on July 21, 1923, in Fort Wayne, he was a son of Charles and Mildred (Flick) Buchanan.

A U.S. Army World War II veteran, he spent his lifetime in Fort Wayne until moving to Columbia City in 2002.

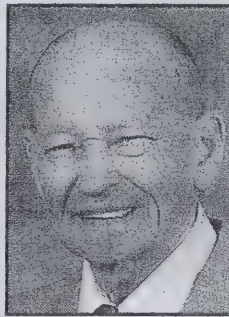
He married Bernadine Clark on April 23, 1955, in Louisville, Ky. She died March 31, 2003.

A member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Arcola, he worked 35 years and retired from

Kenosha Auto Transport in Fort Wayne.

Survivors include a daughter, Mary (Tony) Campbell of Columbia City; two sons, Charles J. (Susie) Buchanan, Fort Worth, Texas, and Patrick Buchanan of Columbia City; six grandchildren, three great-grandchildren; three sisters, Mary Catherine Olson of Fort Wayne; Louise Subzda of Rome City, and Alice Harber of Columbia City.

In addition to his wife, he was preceded in death by his parents.

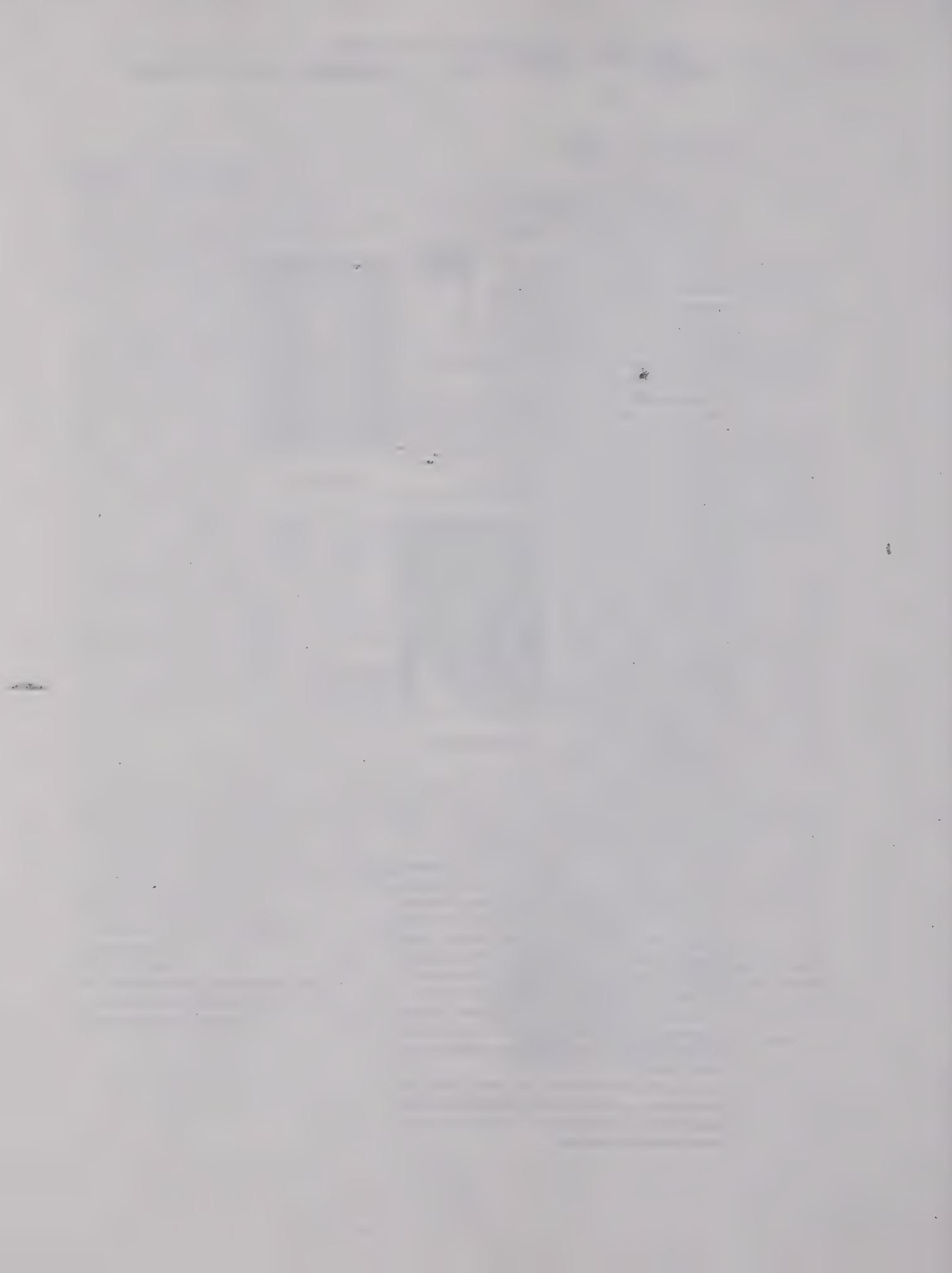


Buchanan

Visitation is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 2, at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Drive in Columbia City, and after 10 a.m. Saturday at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Arcola. A Rosary service is at 3:30 p.m. Friday at the funeral home with Sister Angelita Fenker officiating. Funeral mass is at 11 a.m. Saturday at the church, with Deacon Joe Zickgraf of St. Paul of the Cross Catholic Church, and Father Cyril Fernandes of St. Patrick's officiating. Burial is at St. Patrick's Cemetery, Arcola, with graveside military rites.

Memorial bequests may be given in Mr. Buchanan's memory to Masses or to St. Patrick Catholic Church. Envelopes are available at the funeral home.

To send condolences to the family, sign the guest register or to light a memorial candle in Mr. Buchanan's memory, please visit www.demoneygrimes.com.



Alberta Mary Fox, 92

June 16, 1913 - Aug. 31, 2005

Alberta Mary Fox, 92, formerly of Columbia City, died at 4:08 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 31, 2005, at Heritage of Huntington.

Born on June 16, 1913 in Fort Wayne, a daughter of James and Caroline (Gerdorn) Casey, she was a graduate of St. Catherine's Academy in Fort Wayne.

She married John H. Fox on Aug. 21, 1934 in St. Patrick Catholic Church in Fort Wayne. He preceded her in death on Jan. 30, 1986.

A homemaker, she was a member of St. Mary Catholic Church in Huntington and a former member of St. Paul of the Cross Catholic Church in Columbia City.

Survivors include three daughters, Jacqueline A. (Phillip) Karst of Huntington; Rita M. (Norwin) Stoppenhagen of St. Charles, Ill., and Mary C. Fox of Tampa, Fla.; a son, James C. Fox of Punta Gorda, Fla.; eight grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by a son, James M. Fox; a grandson; and two sisters, Margaret Heit and Virginia Bender.

Visitation is from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 2, at McElhaney-Hart Funeral Home, 715 N. Jefferson St. in Huntington. Mass of Christian Burial is at 9 a.m. Saturday at St. Mary Catholic Church, 903 N. Jefferson St., Huntington, with visitation one hour prior. Burial is at Catholic Cemetery in Fort Wayne.

Memorials may be made to St. Jude's Children's Hospital, or the church organ fund at St. Mary Catholic Church, in care of McElhaney-Hart Funeral Home.

Send online condolences to www.mcelhaneyhartfuneralhome.com.

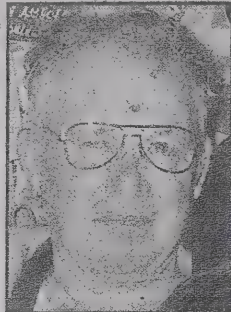
Lloyd E. 'Pork' Miller, 74

Feb. 19, 1931 - Sept. 1, 2005

Lloyd E. "Pork" Miller, 74, of rural Columbia City, died at 5:55 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 1, 2005, at Parkview Whitley Hospital in Columbia City.

Born on Feb. 19, 1931 in Fort Wayne, a son of Lloyd B. and Bertha E. (Jenks) Miller, he graduated from Churubusco High School with the Class of 1950.

He lived his entire lifetime in Smith Township, including a short time at Blue Lake and then four or five years in Churubusco.



Miller

He married Janis E. Gordon on Nov. 12, 1966 in Columbia City.

Employed at I&M for four or five years and Fort Wayne Liquor as a delivery-man for eight years, he was a part-time bartender at Al's 33 Club.

A coon, bear, deer, squirrel and rabbit hunter and trapper, he was a lifetime member of Treeing Tennessee Brindle Breeders Association, a member of the National Kennel Club UKC licensed inspector and judges, Cass County Coon Hunter's Club, Cur and Fiest Breeders Association and the National American Legion.

Survivors include his wife, Janis of Columbia City; a step-daughter, Joni Karp of Fruita, Colo.; son of his heart, Randy (Kim) Davis of Churubusco; two brothers, Keith (Mary) Miller of Auburn, and Bill (Cheryl) Miller of Woodburn; two sisters, Elnora Raney of Fort Wayne, and Jane (Bob) Overmyer of Morganton, N.C.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Jerry Miller.

Visitation is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 4, at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Drive in Columbia City. The funeral service is at 1:30 p.m. Monday at the funeral home with Don Bonsett officiating. Burial is at Eel River Cemetery on Tuesday.

Memorial bequests may be given in Mr. Miller's memory to family wishes. Envelopes are available at the funeral home.

To send condolences to the family, sign the guest register or to light a memorial candle in Mr.

Miller's memory, please visit
www.demoneygrimes.com.

Charles Gerry Able, 82

Sept. 4, 1922 - Sept. 1, 2005

Charles Gerry Able, 82, of Columbia City, died at 9:49 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 1, 2005, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Born in South Whitley on Sept. 4, 1922, a son of W. Herman and Pauline (Oberhoulser) Able, he graduated from South Whitley High School with the Class of 1940.



He lived his entire lifetime in the South Whitley area until retiring and selling his South Whitley horse farm where he raised Appaloosa, Quarter and Paint horses.

He then moved to Big Barbee Lake in 1991 and to Columbia City in 2004.

He served in the U.S. Army from 1942 to 1945 during World War II.

He married Bonnie Ellen Stoner on Oct. 25, 1947 in North Manchester.

He worked for Fred O. Carey Construction

Company as a brick mason and construction superintendent for 31

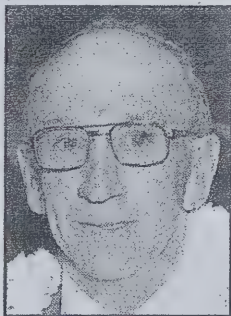
years, Hugenard Construction, as a construction superintendent in Fort Wayne, for nine years, C.M.E. Corporation, as a construction superintendent in Fort Wayne; and as a part-time retirement job, he worked at Kendall Lighting in Warsaw.

A member of South Whitley United Methodist Church, he was a charter member of VFW, South Whitley, Whitley County 4-H, Inc., and Indiana and United States Appaloosa, Quarter and Paint horse clubs

Survivors include his wife, Bonnie; a son, Jon G. (Debra) Able of North Webster; five grandchildren; and a sister, Georgia Sarchet of Rockford, Ill.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a sister, Rose Mary Ross; a brother, David Able; and two half-brothers, Donald Oberhoulser and Fred Able.

Visitation is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 3, at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Drive in Columbia City. The funeral service is at 2:30 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home



Able

with Pastor Jim Martin of First Church of God officiating. Burial is at South Whitley Cemetery.

Memorial bequests may be given in Mr. Able's memory to Whitley County E.M.S. Envelopes are available at the funeral home.

To send condolences to the family, sign the guest register or to light a memorial candle in Mr. Able's memory, please visit www.demoneygrimes.com

Itha J. McKown, 94

Sept. 7, 1911 - Sept. 1, 2005

Itha J. McKown, 94, of Columbia City, died at 1 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 1, 2005, at Parkview Whitley Hospital in Columbia City.

Born in Noble County, Ind. on Sept. 7, 1911, she was the daughter of Harve and Laura (Paulus) Fruchey. Raised in Noble County, she attended Wolf Lake High School, and she later moved to Whitley County.

Beloved wife for 65 years, she was united in marriage to Ralph O. McKown on Sept. 7, 1929, in Big Lake Parsonage.

A member of the Big Lake Church of God, she served in the nursery for many years, as well as the benevolence committee and as a pianist. She was also a past member of the Thorncreek Home Demonstration Club.

She is survived by two sons, Larry McKown of Columbia City and Richard (Dawn) McKown of Fort Wayne; one granddaughter and three great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; son, Jack E. McKown; three sisters, Alice Wolfe, Ermal Vanator and Ilene Pheister; and three brothers, Garrett, Daniel and Benton Fruchey.



McKown

Visitation will be held from 4 to 8 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 4 at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home in Columbia City. The funeral service will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, Sept. 5 at Big Lake Church of God with Pastor Phil Blake officiating. Burial will be at Salem Cemetery in Wilmot.

Memorial bequests may be given in her memory to Big Lake Church of God. Envelopes for donations are available at the funeral home.

To send condolences to the family, sign the guest register or light a memorial candle in her memory, please visit www.demoneygrimes.com.

Richard C. Blank, 69

Nov. 2, 1935 - Sept. 3, 2005

Richard C. Blank, 69, of Union Township, Whitley County, died at 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 3, 2005, at University Park Nursing Center in Fort Wayne.



Born in Bristol, Conn. on Nov. 30, 1935, a son of Gustave and Olga (Radke) Blank, he was reared and spent his youth in Bristol and was very active in Boy Scouts. He attended Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran School and graduated from Bristol High School with the Class of 1953.

He served in the U.S. Air Force from 1955 to 1959 and then moved to Fort Wayne to attend Indiana Institute of Technology, where he received a B.S. in electrical engineering, graduating in 1963.



Blank

He married Karen A. Reiter on Aug. 8, 1964 at St. John's Lutheran Church, Decatur.

He was employed as an engineer at General Telephone in Fort Wayne for 19 years.

A member of Suburban Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne, he served as the church school board chairman in 1980.

He was a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity and Boy Scouts of American and assisted his wife serving with the Whitley County 4-H poultry club. He donated over 100 gallons of blood and was a pheresis donor for the American Red Cross.

Survivors include his wife, Karen; two sons, Eric G. Blank and Joel A. (Amy Smith) Blank, both of Columbia City; two daughters, Audra C. (Mark E.) Thomas of Columbia City, and Diane S. (Mark) Williamson of Indianapolis; six

grandchildren; a sister-in-law, Elaine Blank of Bristol, Conn; and a nephew and niece.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Donald Blank.

Visitation is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 7, at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Dr. in Columbia City, and at Suburban Bethlehem Lutheran Church an hour prior to the service on Thursday. The funeral service is at 11 a.m. at the church with Pastor Kip Smith and Seminarian Dennis Wenzholz officiating. Burial is at Suburban Bethlehem Lutheran Cemetery.

Memorial bequests may be given in Mr. Blank's memory to Suburban Bethlehem Lutheran School Tuition Endowment Fund, or the Church Building Fund. Envelopes are available at the funeral home.

To send condolences to the family, sign the guest register or light a memorial candle in Mr. Blank's memory, please visit www.demoneygrimes.com.

Rex E. Roop, 75

July 18, 1930 - Sept. 1, 2005

Rex E. Roop, 75, died early Thursday morning, Sept. 1, 2005, at Miller's Merry Manor Nursing Center in Columbia City where he had been a resident since 2001. He was a former resident of rural Churubusco.

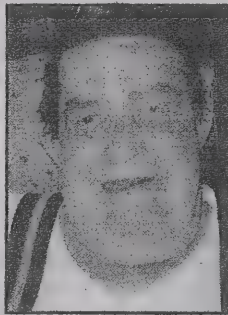


Born on July 18, 1930, in Decatur, a son of Clarence L. and Doratha E. (Hakes) Roop, he grew up in Decatur before moving to Des Moines, Iowa.

A U.S. Air Force veteran, he served from 1947 to 1950.

He was united in marriage to Connie L. Wall on June 20, 1947, in Walnut Ridge, Ark. Mrs. Roop died March 1, 1997.

A foreman for Wirco, Inc. in Avilla for more than 25 years, he was a member of St. John Bosco Catholic Church in Churubusco.



Roop

Survivors include a daughter, Jaquavia Meth of Rancho Cordova, Calif.; three grandchildren; brothers and sisters, David Roop and James Roop, both of W. Va.; Arthur Roop of Bluffton; Carol Harvey and Ruth Werst, both of Decatur; Vera Bauman of Muncie; Marge Thompson of Grover Hill, Ohio; and his caregivers, Darla and Garry Strowmatt of Churubusco.

In addition to his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by a brother, Donald.

A graveside service is at 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 10, at the Ege Catholic Cemetery, rural Noble County. As per Mr. Roop's wishes there are no calling hours.

Sheets and Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco is in charge of arrangements.

For those who wish, memorials may be directed to Parkview-Whitley Hospice in Columbia City.

Condolences may be e-mailed to the family at sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

Striggle service

The graveside funeral service for Edna M. Striggle, 85, was Saturday morning, Sept. 3, 2005, at South Whitley Cemetery, with the Rev. Paul Burris, pastor of South Whitley United Methodist Church, officiating.

Bruce Wrightman led the congregation singing "Amazing Grace" and "Jesus Loves Me."

Mrs. Striggle, widow of Richard V. Striggle, died Monday, Aug. 29.

Arrangements were completed by Smith and Sons Miller Chapel in South Whitley.

Marjorie I. Lock, 77

Feb. 9, 1928 - Sept. 7, 2005

Marjorie I. Lock, 77, of Columbia City, died at 8:19 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 7, 2005, at her residence.

Born in Columbia City on Feb. 9, 1928, a daughter of William F. and Alta L. (Downing) Breisch, she attended Cox Elementary School.

She married Paul Raymond Lock on Aug. 11, 1954. Her early life was spent in Columbia City and since her marriage she has resided at her current home.

She retired from Richards Restaurant, but also had worked at Fibre Form and Ion Capacitor in Columbia City early in her career.

An avid bird watcher and wild bird feeder, she always cooked Sunday dinner every week for her children and grandchildren.

Survivors include a daughter, Paula (Loren) Kauffman of Columbia City; three sons, Daniel P. (Lisa) Lock of Wolf Lake; Craig (Kathy) Lock of Gosport; and James (Cindy) Lock of Columbia City; nine grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; two sisters, Joan (John) Nisley of Columbia City, and Evelyn Geiger of Albion.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Paul, and brothers, Paul, William and Carl Breisch.

Visitation is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 9, at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Dr., Columbia City. The funeral service is at 1 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home with the Rev. David Salyer of Victory Christian Fellowship officiating. Burial is at Nolt Cemetery, Columbia City.

Memorial bequests may be given in Mrs. Lock's memory to Victory Christian Fellowship Food Pantry. Envelopes are available at the funeral home.

To send condolences to the family, sign the guest register or to light a memorial candle in Mrs. Lock's memory, please visit

www.demoneygrimes.com.



Lock

Lee A. Himes, 58

Jan. 20, 1947 - Sept. 6, 2005

Lee A. Himes, 58, of South Whitley, died at his residence and was found late Tuesday evening, Sept. 6, 2005.

Born on Jan. 20, 1947 in Fort Wayne, a son of Jacob A. and Mary Lucille (Aulton) Himes, he graduated from Columbia City High School with the Class of 1965.

He married Marcia Mabel Mishler on June 20, 1969 in South Whitley.

A conductor for Amtrak Railroad for 40 years, his entire lifetime was spent in Whitley County, living in South Whitley since 1969.

Survivors include his wife, Marcia; two sons, Travis (Amanda) Himes of Columbia City; and Wade S. Himes of Warsaw; five grandchildren; and a sister, Rose (Robert) Hunter of Columbia City.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Stan Himes.

Visitation is from 9 to 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 10, at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Dr., Columbia City. The funeral service is at 10 a.m. Saturday at the funeral home with Pastor Dan Gregory officiating. Burial is at South Whitley Cemetery.

Memorial bequests may be given in memory of Mr. Himes to the donor's choice. Envelopes are available at the funeral home.

To send condolences to the family, sign the guest register or to light a memorial candle in Mr. Himes' memory, please visit www.demoneygrimes.com.



Himes

Catherine A. Bricker, 79

April 4, 1926 - Sept. 8, 2005

Catherine A. "Katie" Bricker, 79, a resident of Columbia City, died at 1:28 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 8, 2005, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne, where she was admitted on Sept. 1. She had been a resident at Miller's Merry Manor in Columbia City since Dec. 23, 2003.

Born on April 4, 1926 in Indianapolis, a daughter of Charles Joseph and Anna Pearl (Halffield) West, her formative years were spent in Indianapolis and she was educated in the Sacred Heart School.

She was employed at Bookwalder & Walb Printing Company for three years.

On Aug. 29, 1945, she was united in marriage to Alonzo R. Bricker Jr. They made their home in South Whitley until the early 1950s when they

moved to Big Lake. Mr. Bricker died Aug. 30, 1984. In 1985 she moved to Columbia City.

She was a member of Grace Lutheran Church and its ladies group.

Survivors include a son, Gregory (Michele) Bricker of Kendallville; two daughters, Sandra (Ricky) Whiteleather of Columbia City, and Cindy (Bill) Holland of Rockledge, Fla.; eight grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Joan DeNience and Linda Clifton, both of Indianapolis.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by an infant daughter, Cynthia Ann Bricker and an infant sister, Mertis West.

The funeral service is at 11 a.m. Monday, Sept. 12, at Grace Lutheran Church, 204 N. Main St., Columbia City, with the Rev. Dr. C. James Cress, church pastor, officiating. Visitation is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday at Smith & Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City, and one hour prior to the service on Monday at the church. The committal service is at Highland Park Cemetery, Fort Wayne, at 2 p.m. Monday.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to Grace Lutheran Church.

Condolences may be sent to www.smithandsonsfuneralhome.com.



Bricker

Mable L. Greenawalt, 87

April 8, 1918 - Sept. 8, 2005

Mable L. Greenawalt, 87, a resident of Columbia City, died at 5:15 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 8, 2005, at Miller's Merry Manor in Columbia City where she had been a resident since February, 2000.

Born on April 8, 1918 in Wolcottville, a daughter of Lawrence and Maggie (Meroney) Smith, her formative years were spent on a farm in LaGrange County. She graduated from Topeka High School in 1935.

In 1938 she was united in marriage to Harlo Greenawalt and they made their home on a farm near Wolcottville. They later resided in Arizona for two years and moved to Columbia City in 1950. Mr. Greenawalt died Feb. 9, 1972.

Employed in the kitchen at the 30 Club and later at the Junction Restaurant, she was a member of Oak Grove Church of God.

Survivors include a daughter, Peggy Bower of Plymouth; three grandchildren; and a great-grandson.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by a brother, Loyd C. Smith.

The funeral service is at 10 a.m. Monday, Sept. 12, at Smith & Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City, with Pastor John Cummings, of Community Bible Church, officiating. Burial is at Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier. Visitation is from 2 to 6 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent to www.smithandsonsfuneralhome.com.



Greenawalt

Sophie Elizabeth Louise Sophia Busche, 88

May 10, 1917 - Sept. 8, 2005

Sophie Elizabeth Louise Sophia Busche, 88, of New Haven, died at 11:26 am, Thursday, Sept. 8, 2005, at Lutheran Home in Fort Wayne.

Born in Fort Wayne on May 10, 1917, she was a daughter of Henry and Emilie (Roemer)Wiese.

She was a member of St. Peter's Lutheran Church and its Ladies Aid Society and Altar Guild; Federated Organic Clubs; and Natural Food Associations.

She designed, created and copyrighted Christian quilts which she presented and displayed around the country.

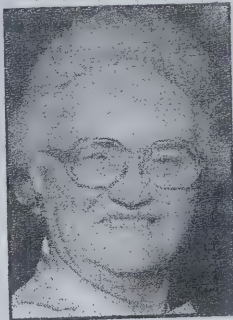
Survivors include her children, Dorothy Nitz of Fort Wayne; Shirley Lyons of Paso Robles, Calif.; Darlene (Roger) Smith of Raymond, Wash.; Ray Busche of Schoharie, N.Y.; Judy (Donald) Lefevra of Angola; Loretta (Todd) Auer of Columbia City; Roger Busche of Atascadero, Calif.; sister, Clara Vance of Ligonier; sister-in-law, Anita Wiese of New Haven; 19 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; and a great-great granddaughter.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 40 years, Raymond in 1979; daughter, Ruth Ann; her parents; brothers, Walter and Ray Wiese;

sisters, Della Wiese, Gertrude Koehlinger, Bertha Wiese, Elsie Springer, Velma Dailey, Laura Blumenberg; a grandson, and son-in-law, James Nitz.

The funeral service is 10 a.m., Tuesday, Sept. 13, at St. Peter's Lutheran Church, 7710 E. State Blvd., Fort Wayne, with calling one hour before service at the church. Calling also 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday and 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at E. Harper & Son Funeral Home, 740 Indiana Hwy. 930 E., New Haven. Burial in church cemetery.

Preferred memorials are to St. Peter's Lutheran Church; Worship for Shut-ins; or Lutheran Homes.



Busche

Rex service

Pastor Stephen Briggs officiated at the funeral service for Howard C. Rex, 86, on Sunday, Sept.

4, 2005, at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home in Columbia City.

Organist Evelyn Stemen included "Come Thou Fount," "Rock of Ages" and "God Understands," with "What a Friend We Have in Jesus," "It Is No Secret" and "Beyond the Sunset" as service music and "Memories" as postlude. A special recorded selection of "He Didn't Have To Be" by Brad Paisley was also played.

A video celebrating the life of Howard was shared before family and friends were dismissed to the Angel of Hope Memorial Garden for a bird of peace ceremony.

Casketbearers were Joe Geiger Jr., Mike Geiger, Jack and Rex Brewer, Roger Richards, Curt Setser, Mike Zollinger and Kim Reilly. Burial was a Thorn Cemetery, Ormas, Noble County.

A World War II veteran, Mr. Rex, husband of Arlene Briggs Rex and father of Tony Rex, Joe Geiger and Connie Brewer, died Sunday, Aug. 28, 2005.

Buchanan service

Father Cyril Fernandes officiated, with Deacon Joe Zickgraf assisting, at the funeral mass for Samuel George Buchanan, 82, on Saturday, Sept. 3, at St. Patrick's Catholic Church.

Music included "How Great Thou Art," "Amazing Grace" and other traditional hymns by musicians, Francie Strack and Peggy Campbell.

Casketbearers were Robert and Ed Harber, Steve Walker, Jim Smith, Tony Campbell and Patrick Buchanan. Honorary bearers were Ken Moore and Dan Hedges. Graveside military rites were conducted by Korean War veterans, John Slabaugh, Frank Frey, Jim Shaw, Don York and Paul Gates, with committal service at St. Patrick's Catholic Church Cemetery, Arcola.

A rosary service was conducted by Sister Angelita Fenker on Friday afternoon at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home in Columbia City.

A World War II Army veteran, Mr. Buchanan, father of Mary Campbell, Charles J. and Patrick Buchanan, died Tuesday, Aug. 30, 2005.

Arrangments were completed by DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home.

Darell G. Kilgore, 68

Jan. 13, 1937- Sept. 8, 2005

Darell G. Kilgore, 68, a resident of Union Township, died Thursday, Sept. 8, 2005, at his home.

He was born Jan. 13, 1937, in Fincastle, Ky., a son of Charles and Naomi (Back) Kilgore. His formative years were spent in Kentucky, where he was educated.

On Oct. 22, 1954, he enlisted in the United States Army, serving during the Korean Conflict. He was honorably discharged Dec. 7 1955.

A truck driver for many years, he was a member of Wolf Lake V.F.W. Post #4717 and the D.A.V.

Surviving relatives include five daughters,

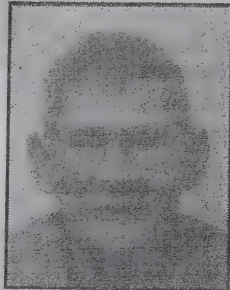


Tina Kilgore, Jane (Alan) Jones, June Naue, Tracy McCleary and Amy (Matt) Leininger all of Columbia City; a son, Richard (Heather) Herron of Columbia City; his stepmother, Lula (Bill) Bowers of Columbia City; four sisters, Donna Ott of Wolf Lake, Benita Vanderford of North Manchester; Jane Rayner of Columbia City and Ruth Hatfield of South Whitley; three brothers, David Kilgore of Columbia City; George Kilgore of South Carolina and Hugh Kilgore of Indianapolis; his companion, Dawn Kilgore of Columbia City; and 20 great-grandchildren.

There will be no visitation or service. Burial will take place at a later date at South Park Cemetery.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to Wolf Lake V.F.W. #4717.

Condolences may be sent to www.smithandsonsfuneralhome.com.



Kilgore

Mary G. Richey, 66

Dec. 18, 1938 - Sept. 9, 2005

Mary G. Richey, 66, of High Lake, died at 7:45 a.m. Friday, Sept. 9, 2005, at Hospice Home in Fort Wayne, where she was admitted on Wednesday.

She was born Dec. 18, 1938, in Indianapolis, a daughter of Ralph and Florence Anna (Coffee) Shipp. Following the death of her mother, as a young girl her family moved to Lagro. She graduated from Lagro High School.

On June 24, 1956, she was united in marriage to Charles G. Richey. They made their first home in Marion. They later resided in Chicago, Bear Lake and Mansfield, Ohio. They have made their summer home at High Lake their permanent residence since 1999.

Surviving relatives include her husband, Charles; a son, Charles (Kathy) Richey of Aurora; two daughters, Marla (Thomas) Moore of Gaston and Jody (Bill) Almack of High Lake; her stepmother, Virginia Shipp of Greentown; two sisters, Patty Coulson of Indianapolis and Phyllis Winch of Greenfield; eight grandchildren; three great-grandchildren and special friend Gerry Blessing of Dayton, Ohio.

The funeral service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 13, 2005, at Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City. The burial will be in Thorn Cemetery, Ormas. The visitation will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent to www.smithandsonsfuneralhome.com.



Richey

Able service

Pastor Jim Martin officiated at the funeral service for Charles Gerry Able, 82, on Sunday, Sept. 4, 2005, at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home in Columbia City.

Organist Evelyn Stemen included "Amazing Grace," "The Great Speckled Bird" and "Just A Closer Walk With Thee" as prelude and "It Is Well With My Soul" as postlude. A video celebrating the life of Charles was shared before family and friends were dismissed to the Angel of Hope Memorial Garden for a bird of peace ceremony.

Casketbearers were Tom Able, John Marrs, Jeffrey Cordill, Paul Sites, Les Reimer and Bradley Ruef. Honorary bearers were nieces and nephews. Burial was at South Whitley Cemetery, South Whitley.

A World War II veteran, Mr. Able, husband of Bonnie E. Able and father of Jon G. Able, died Thursday, Sept. 1, 2005.

Douglas O. Cunningham, 73

Dec. 29, 1931 - Sept. 10, 2005

Douglas O. Cunningham, 73, of Crooked Lake, died at 12:02 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 10, 2005, at his home. He had been in failing health.

Born on Dec. 29, 1931, in Allen County, a son of Serge E. and Florence (Stiles) Cunningham, his formative years were spent in Fort Wayne and he graduated from North Side High School. He continued his education at the University of Alabama.

On April 9, 1951, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy, serving during the Korean War. He was honorably discharged April 1, 1955.

On Oct. 1, 1955, he was united in marriage to Marcella M. English. They made their home in Fort Wayne until 1996, when they moved to their present home at Crooked Lake.

He was employed at Dana Corporation for a year and retired in 1993 from the City of Fort Wayne with 37 years of service.

His memberships included Columbia City Church of Christ and the National Rifle Association.

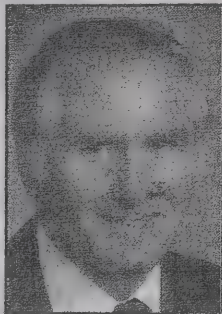
Survivors include his wife, Marcella; three sons, Michael (Grace) Cunningham of North Webster; William (Nancy) Cunningham of Fort Wayne; and Hugh (Pamela) Cunningham of Columbus; a daughter, Susan (Scott) Taylor of Columbia City; 10 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; a sister, Patricia Means of Fort Myers, Fla., and a brother, Larry Cunningham of The Villages, Fla.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, Newell Cunningham, and a sister, Nancy Juergens.

The funeral service is at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 14, at Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City, with the Rev. Jack Hierholzer, of Columbia City Church of Christ, officiating. Burial is at Highland Park Cemetery, Fort Wayne. Visitation is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to Columbia City Church of Christ or Parkview Home Health & Hospice

Condolences may be sent to www.smithandsonsfuneralhome.com.



Cunningham

Miller service

Don Bonsett shared the eulogy at the funeral service for Lloyd E. "Pork" Miller, 74, on Monday, Sept. 5, 2005, at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home in Columbia City.

Music included recorded selections of "Indian Love Call" and "Moon Love." A video celebrating the life of Lloyd was shared before family and friends were dismissed to the Angel of Hope Memorial Garden for a bird of peace ceremony.

Casketbearers were Bill and Kevin Miller, Randy Davis, Shawn Gordon, Jack Rossworm, Don Greve. Honorary bearer was Don Bonsett. Burial was at Eel River Cemetery, south of Churubusco.

Mr. Miller, husband of Janis E. Miller, died Thursday, Sept. 1.

McKown service

The funeral service for Itha J. McKown, 93, was Monday, Sept. 5, 2005, at Big Lake Church of God, with Pastor Phil Blake officiating.

Music included traditional hymns provided by pianist, Marsha Kiester. Deanon Grable, vocalist, sang "How Great Thou Art" and "Amazing Grace."

Casketbearers were Tom Macy, Paul Hile, Paul Schuman, Bob Grable, Logan and Larry McKown and Tom Weeks. Burial was at Salem Cemetery, Wilmet.

Mrs. McKown, widow of Ralph McKown and mother of Larry and Richard McKown, died Thursday, Sept. 1, 2005.

Services were entrusted to DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home in Columbia City.

Gerald E. 'Pud' Jones, 70

Sept. 18, 1934 - Sept. 11, 2005

Gerald E. "Pud" Jones, 70, widely acquainted former resident of Churubusco, died unexpectedly early Sunday morning, Sept. 11, 2005, at the family residence north of Fort Wayne as a result of an apparent heart attack.

Born on Sept. 18, 1934, in Eel River Township, Allen County, he was a son of Clarence A. "Babe" and Blondena M. "Jane" (Geiger) Jones. As a young boy, he moved with his parents to Smith Township in Whitley County. His formative years were spent in the Churubusco-area, and he graduated from Churubusco High School in 1952.

As a young man, he served with the U.S. Navy.

On Oct. 8, 1960, he was married to Barbara L. Miller in Whitley County and lived all of his married life in the Churubusco-area until moving to Fort Wayne in June.

A repairman for International Harvester in Fort Wayne, he worked there for 34 years until retiring in 1986.

In addition to his employment, his life was marked by memberships and community service in several areas. He was a member of Churubusco United Methodist Church, where he served on several boards. He was a 12-year school board member for Smith-Green Community School Corporation in Churubusco and had served for several years on the Churubusco Park Board of directors. A member of the Ideal Fish and Game Club in Churubusco, he coached Little League for several years and more recently had worked as a volunteer at the Community Harvest Food Bank in Fort Wayne.

Surviving relatives include his wife, Barbara; three children, Kurt (Jill) Jones of Fort Wayne; Kregg (Lanette) Jones of Churubusco, and Laurinda (Ken) Spieth of rural Avilla; a sister, Virginia Stout of Ligonier; and six grandchildren.



Jones

Helen K. Mielke, 85

March 9, 1920 - Sept. 10, 2005

Helen M. Mielke, 85, of Fort Wayne, died Saturday, Sept. 10, 2005, at Covington Manor Nursing Home in Fort Wayne.

She was born in Larwill on March 9, 1920, and graduated from Pierceton High School as valedictorian of the Class of 1938.

She was a bookkeeper for Parrish Leasing, retiring in 1984 with eight years of service.

She was a member of St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church.

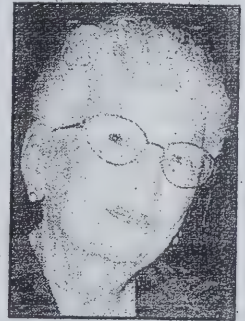
Survivors include two daughters, Brenda (Dan) West of Hometown, and Sandra (Grant) Ellington of Franklin; three grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; five step-great-grandchildren; and sisters, Savannah Lepley and Hanna Waterson, both of Fort Wayne; Donna (Irvin) Hahn of Winona Lake; Luranell (Ray) Gordon of Kendallville, and Shirley Kreger of Pierceton.

She was preceded in death by her husband, William Max Mielke in 2001; brothers-in-law,

Guy Lepley, Lionel Kreger and Lloyd Waterson; three sisters, Maxine Gebert, Betty Wolf and Naomi Barnes-Phebus, and a brother, Hayden Jones.

The funeral service is at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 15, at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., Fort Wayne. Visitation is from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday and one hour prior to the service on Thursday. Burial is at Lindenwood Cemetery.

For those who wish memorials may be made to St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church.



Mielke

The funeral service is at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 14, at Churubusco United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Christine Newman-Jacobs, church pastor, officiating. The family will receive friends from 1 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco, or at the church one hour prior to the service Wednesday. Interment is at the family plot at Eel River Cemetery, south of Churubusco.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be directed to the Churubusco Park or Churubusco United Methodist Church.

For those who wish, condolences may be e-mailed to the family at sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

Joshua Daniel Banning, 18

Nov. 28, 1986 - Sept. 12, 2005

Joshua D. Banning, 18, a resident of Big Lake, died early Monday morning, Sept. 12, 2005, as the result of an auto accident in Noble County.

Born on Nov. 28, 1986, at Whitley County Memorial Hospital in Columbia City, he was a son of Daniel L. Banning and Tina M. Kilgore. He completed his education at Columbia City High School.

He was a member of Cornerstone Fellowship Church.

Survivors include his father and step-mother, Daniel and Lesa Banning of Columbia City; his mother, Tina Kilgore of Columbia City; four brothers, Jared Banning of Columbia City; Tim Tyler of Fort Wayne; Kenny Tyler and Nathan Banning, both of Columbia City; his grandparents, Eugene and Afton Banning, Dawn Kilgore and Bonnie Link, all of Columbia City; Kenneth Link of Wellston, Ohio; and several aunts and uncles.

The funeral service is at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 15, at Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City. Visitation is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Burial will take place at a later date at Adams Cemetery.

For those who wish, memorials may be directed to the final expense account at Smith and Sons Funeral Home.

Condolences may be sent to www.smithandsonsfuneralhome.com



Banning

William J. 'Billy' Blessing II, 21

July 22, 1984 - Sept. 11, 2005

William J. "Billy" Blessing II, 21, a former resident of Churubusco, and more recently of Fort Wayne, was pronounced dead at the scene Sunday afternoon, Sept. 11, 2005, as the result of a two-vehicle accident on U.S. 33 and Chase Road in Allen County.

Born in Fort Wayne on July 22, 1984, he was a lifelong resident of the Churubusco area.

He had been employed as a machine operator at Flickinger Industries in Fort Wayne for more than two years and enjoyed fishing, hunting and bowling in his leisure time.

Surviving relatives include his fiancée, Amanda Lemish of Fort Wayne; his mother, Michelle Wiedelman of Fort Wayne; his father and step-mother, William J. and Myra Blessing of Churubusco; a sister, Kelli Blessing of Churubusco; three brothers, Marcus Blessing, Tyler Blessing and Dillon Blessing, all of Churubusco; his grandmothers, Judy Laro and Thelma (Fred) Frances, both of Fort Wayne; and Joyce Harter of Churubusco; his grandfather, Robert (Reva) Wiedelman of Fort Wayne; and a great-grandmother, Carol Schwan of Decatur.

The funeral service is at 1 p.m. Friday, Sept. 16, at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco, with the Revs. Larry Smith and Mark Klinepeter, officiating. The family will receive friends at the mortuary from 2 to 8 p.m. Thursday. Interment is at Lindenwood Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

For those who wish, memorials may be directed to the Ideal Fish and Game Club, Churubusco.

Condolences may be e-mailed to the family at sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.



Blessing

Lock service

The Rev. David Salyer officiated at the funeral service for Marjorie Lock, 77, on Saturday, Sept. 10, 2005, at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home in Columbia City.

The organ prelude included "Amazing Grace," "How Great Thou Art" and "I Love to Tell the Story," with "In the Garden" as postlude by Carla Blakley. Personal remembrances were shared by family and friends followed by "I Can Only Imagine," a vocal and guitar duet by grandsons, Trent Boston and Seth Overdeer. A video celebrating the life of Marjorie was shared before dismissal to the Angel of Hope Memorial Garden for a bird of peace ceremony.

Casketbearers were Daniel, Craig, James and Justin Lock, Seth Overdeer, Trent Boston and Loren Kauffman. Burial was at Nolt Cemetery, Columbia City.

Mrs. Lock, mother of Paula Kauffman, Daniel, Craig and James Lock, died Wednesday, Sept. 7.

Himes service

Pastor Dan Gregory officiated at the funeral service for Lee A. Himes, 58, on Saturday, Sept. 10, 2005, at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home in Columbia City.

Organist Carla Blakley included "He Touched Me," "Holy, Holy, Holy" and "How Great Thou Art" as prelude with "Blessed Assurance" as postlude. A video celebrating the life of Lee was shared before family and friends were dismissed to the Angel of Hope Memorial Garden for a bird of peace ceremony.

Casketbearers were Joe Christian, Curt and Craig Studebaker, Jason Mishler, Scott Miller and Shane Trump. Burial was at South Whitley Cemetery, South Whitley.

Mr. Himes, husband of Marcia Himes and father of Travis and Wade Himes, died Wednesday, Aug. 31.

Blank service

Pastor Kip Smith and Vicar Dennis Wenzholz officiating at the funeral service for Richard C. Blank, 69, on Thursday, Sept. 8, 2005, at Suburban Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne.

Music was provided by The Redeemer Praise Band, including "Blessed Be Your Name," "Above All" and "Wonderful Merciful Savior."

Casketbearers were Joel and Eric Blank, Mark Reiter, Chad and Brian Scott and Mark E. Thomas. Burial was at Suburban Bethlehem Lutheran Cemetery.

An Air Force veteran, Mr. Blank, husband of Karen A. Blank and father of Eric and Joel Blank, Audra Thomas and Diane Williamson, died Saturday, Sept. 3.

Arrangements were completed by DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home in Columbia City.

Mary E. Blickenstaff, 88

May 6, 1917 - Sept. 12, 2005

Mary E. Blickenstaff, 88; died at 4:45 a.m. Monday, Sept. 12, 2005, at Grace Village Healthcare Center at Winona Lake.

Born on May 6, 1917, in Wakarusa, a daughter of Roy L. and Amanda M. (Miller) Metzler, she graduated from Hamlet High School and Manchester College.

She was married to Zera M. "Mel" Blickenstaff on June 1, 1942. He died March 27, 1999.

An elementary school music teacher, she taught at Jefferson Township School near Goshen; Leesburg School and Washington-Clay Township School at South Bend. She taught in Columbus from 1952 to 1962; and in Terre Haute from 1963 to 1978, when she retired.

Survivors include sons, James J. Blickenstaff of Glenview, Ill.; John R. Blickenstaff of Martinsville, and William J. Blickenstaff of Woodruff, S.C.; four grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and a sister, Evelyn (Paul) Zumbrun of Columbia City.

There are two services on Friday at different locations. One is at 10 a.m. Friday, Sept. 16, at Grace Village Chapel, Winona Lake and the other at 2:30 p.m. at DeLaughter-McKee Mortuary, North Manchester Chapel, with Pastor Glenn Byers officiating. Visitation is from 1 to 2:30 p.m. at the mortuary. Burial is at Pleasant Hill Cemetery, North Manchester.

Memorials may be directed to the donor's choice.

Greenawalt service

The funeral service for Mable L. Greenawalt, 87, was Monday morning, Sept. 12, 2005, at Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City, with Pastor John Cummings of Community Bible Church, officiating.

A variety of hymns were played during the prelude and postlude.

The committal service followed at Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier. Casketbearers included Dean Kincaid, Ron Wiley and Mike Walters.

Mrs. Greenawalt, widow of Harlo Greenawalt and mother of Peggy Bower, died Thursday, Sept.

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Bricker service

The funeral service for Catherine A. "Katie" Bricker, 79, was Monday morning, Sept. 12, 2005, at Grace Lutheran Church in Columbia City, with the Rev. Dr. C. James Cress, church pastor, officiating. Beth Stauffer, a granddaughter, provided family reflections and the reading of "Grandma's Dash."

Evelyn Zumbrun played a variety of hymns during the organ prelude and postlude including "Ave Maria," "On Eagle's Wings" and "This Is My Father's World." The congregational hymns were "My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less" and "How Great Thou Art."

The committal service was at Highland Park Cemetery in Fort Wayne. Casketbearers were Brent Whiteleather, Ryan Bricker, Steve Cox, Jon Stauffer, Phillip Krider, David Loughman, T.J. Holland, Joe Lortie and Chuck Hughes.

Mrs. Bricker, widow of Alonzo R. Bricker Jr., and mother of Gregory (Michele) Bricker, Sandra (Ricky) Whiteleather and Cindy (Bill) Holland,

died Thursday, Sept. 8.

Arrangements were completed by Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City.

Richey service

The funeral service for Mary G. Richey, 66, was Tuesday morning, Sept. 13, 2005, at Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City, with Pastor Steve Colter officiating.

A variety of favorite hymns were played during the prelude and postlude including "Nearer My God to Thee," "Whispering Hope," "How Great Thou Art" and "Amazing Grace." "One Day at a Time" was played during the service and "Headed for Heaven" by Ed Crawford was played to conclude the service.

The committal service followed at Thorn Cemetery, Ormas. Casketbearers were Jimmy Moore, Jason Moore, Jarod Moore, Matt Almack, Mike Almack and Josh Richey.

Mrs. Richey, wife of Charles G. Richey and mother of Charles (Kathy) Richey, Marla (Thomas) Moore and Jody (Bill) Almack, died Friday, Sept. 9.

Kilgore service

The graveside service for Darell G. Kilgore, 68, was Tuesday afternoon, Sept. 13, 2005, at South Park Cemetery.

Mr. Kilgore, father of Tina Kilgore, Jane (Alan) Jones, June Naue, Tracy McCleary, Amy (Matt) Leining and Richard (Heather) Herron, died Thursday, Sept. 8.

Arrangements were completed by Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City.

Norman D. Swihart, 46

June 23, 1959 - Sept. 13, 2005

Norman D. Swihart, 46, of Huntington, died at 9:48 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 13, 2005, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Born on June 23, 1959, in Huntington, a son of Richard S. and Betty I. (Farley) Swihart, he was a 1977 graduate of Central Noble High School in Albion.

Mr. Swihart worked for Walker Manufacturing in Ligioner until 1996.

Survivors include two brothers, Richard A. Swihart and William E. (Deb) Swihart, both of Huntington; a sister, Linda (Gerald) Carpenter of Huntington; and two nephews and a niece.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a niece.

Visitation is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 16, at Bailey-Love Mortuary in Huntington. The funeral service is at 2 p.m. Saturday at the mortuary with the Rev. Larry Taylor officiating. Burial is at Gardens of Memory, Huntington County.

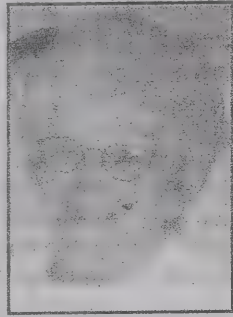
Memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association or Muscular Dystrophy Association, in care of Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Dr., Huntington, IN 46750.

Online condolences to the family may be sent to www.baileylove.com.

Dorothy M. Diller, 77

Nov. 6, 1927 - Sept. 14, 2005

Dorothy M. Diller, 77, a resident of Churubusco and widow of George J. Diller, died at 7:45 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 14, 2005, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. She had been in failing health since October and had been a patient at the hospital for the past three weeks.



Diller

Born on Nov. 6, 1927, in Fort Wayne, a daughter of Leslie and Pearl H. (Huff) Sylvester, her formative years were spent in the Avilla and Fort Wayne areas.

On March 9, 1946, she was married in Fort Wayne to George J. Diller of Churubusco. The early years of their marriage were spent in Fort Wayne until 1951. Mr. Diller died Sept. 28, 1998.

She raised their three children while traveling extensively as a military wife in support of her husband's career in the U.S. Air Force, returning to the Churubusco area in 1967.

From 1968 to 1976, she owned the House of Mud in Churubusco and taught the art of ceramics, which was one of her great passions.

A resident of Blue Lake, she was employed as a clerk at Hooks Drug Store in Churubusco for 11 years, retiring in 1989. She and her husband opened and managed Diller's Landing store at Blue Lake from 1989 until retiring in 1995.

A member of the Churubusco Order of the Eastern Star 136, she was also an associate member of Kappa Delta Phi Sorority.

Survivors include three children, Ronald E. (Jody) Diller of Seal Beach, Calif.; Jeanine (Terry) Miller of Coldwater, Mich.; and George A. (Bonnie) Diller of Churubusco; 13 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by a sister, Helen J. Hambrook, and a brother, Raymond L. Sylvester.

The funeral service is at 11 a.m. Monday, Sept. 19, at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco, with the Rev. Rick Van Horn, pastor of Believer's Bible Fellowship, officiating. The family will receive friends from 2 to 8 p.m. Sunday and one hour prior to the service on Monday at the mortuary. Interment is at Eel River

Cemetery, south of Churubusco.

Condolences may be e-mailed to the family at sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

Alvin L. Pook, 81

Dec. 27, 1923 - Sept. 13, 2005

Alvin L. Pook, 81, died Tuesday, Sept. 13, 2005, at Desert Pines Elder Care in Sahuarita, Ariz.

Born in South Whitley on Dec. 27, 1923, he was a son of Edwin and Esther (Schneider) Pook.

A World War II U.S. Navy veteran, Atlantic and Pacific, he was a regional materials manager with Conrail for 38 years, retiring in 1984.

He was past vice president Fairmont Neighbor Association, member of Fort Wayne Senior Golf League, Retired Railroad Golf League, trustee of PRR Veterans Association, Blue Lodge 358, Queen City and American Legion Post 98, Columbia City.

Survivors include daughters, Jill Button of Orange, Calif., and Teresa Massey of Bath, Mich.; sons, Mark Pook and Jack Pook, both of Fort Wayne; three grandchildren, and former wife, Mildred of Fort Wayne.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Sherry, and three brothers, Glenn, Eugene and Lawrence.

The funeral service is 11 a.m. Monday at D.O. McComb & Sons Foster Park Funeral Home, 6301 Fairfield Ave., with calling from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Sunday. Burial is at South Whitley Cemetery, South Whitley, with military graveside rites by American Legion Post 98.

Memorials may be directed to the American Cancer Society.



Billy R. Davis, 71

June 21, 1934 - Sept. 15, 2005

Billy R. Davis, 71, a resident of Churubusco, died at 11:10 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 15, 2005, at Visiting Nurse Service and Hospice Home in Fort Wayne following a brief illness.

Born in Oneida, Tenn., on June 21, 1934, he was a son of Arthur Gene and Estlena (Morris) Davis. He spent his early years in Tennessee and moved to Indiana in 1953. He married Etta M. Sites on June 27, 1955, in Fort Wayne.

He worked as a welder at American Hoist in Fort Wayne for 21 years until the plant closed. He later worked as a truck driver for several years, retiring in 1999 from B&W Trucking.

Always a motorcycle enthusiast, he was a member of ABATE, Old Fort Motorcycle Club, American Motorcycle Association and the 'Busco Hot Rod Association. In his leisure time he enjoyed fishing and watching NASCAR.

The surviving relatives include his wife, Etta; two daughters, Rose (Gary) Gray of Albion and Gloria (Scott) Parker of Churubusco; his mother, Estlena Coffey of Batavia, Ohio; two brothers, Bobby Lee (Brenda) Davis of Norwood, Ohio, and Tommy Matthews of Seaman, Ohio; four sisters, Margie (Dennis) King of Goshen, Ohio, Barbar Jean Spencer of Okena, Ohio, Vanda Lee (Art) Bortell of Batavia, Ohio, and Sheila (James) Vance of Seaman, Ohio; six grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

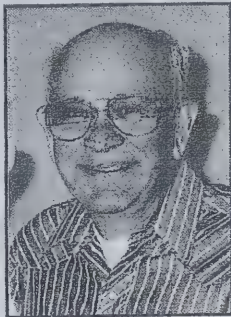
In addition to his father, he was preceded in death by two daughters, Star and Brenda Davis; a son, Bobby L. Davis; his stepfather, Vasco Matthews; and a brother, Arthur Gene Davis.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with Chaplain Scott Davis officiating.

The family will receive friends at the mortuary from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Monday.

Interment will be in the Christian Chapel Cemetery in Merriam.

For those who wish, memorials may be directed to Visiting Nurse Service and Hospice Home in Fort Wayne. Condolences may be e-mailed to the family at sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.



Davis

Walter C. 'Fuzzy' Johnson, 87

Nov. 11, 1917 - April 8, 2004

Born in Macon, Ga., on Nov. 11, 1917, the Johnson family moved north to Chicago when "Fuzzy" was 4 years old. His mother remarried after his father's death and she moved to the Larwill-South Whitley area.

He was a fellow classmate welcomed with open arms to Larwill schools. He was class president from the fifth through grade 12. Active in sports, he was especially talented in basketball and baseball. A fierce competitor in the game, he was a gentleman off the court.

His years after graduation, in the steel mills of Chicago, the pressure of Air Force Cadets and a year of university study, never changed his claim to Larwill as his home.

He spent 31 years teaching and coaching; his fans and friends extend all over the west and southwest. Returning to Indiana after retirement, he acquired the old Wilmot Mill and spent 10 happy years restoring it to its original grinding activity with mill stones from Tennessee and water wheel from North Carolina.

Since their wedding in 1953, he was married to Patricia Templeton for 51 years, living the last nine years in Tularosa, N.M. After 14 years of unrelenting battle, Mr. Johnson surrendered to prostate cancer.

His family also includes a daughter, Marjory Coyle, step-sons, Dr. Raymond Ostrander and Ki Tak Johnson, and three grandchildren.

Interment was Friday, Sept. 16, 2005, at the Salem Cemetery in Wilmot, a mile from the loved mill and close to Larwill.



Donald F. Ferguson, 63

Nov. 7, 1941 - Sept. 16, 2005

Donald F. Ferguson, 63, a resident of

Kimmell, died at 2:37 a.m. Sept. 16, 2005, at Parkview Whitley Hospital.

He was born in Medina, Ohio, Nov. 7, 1941, a son of Claude F. and E. Evelyn (Fleming) Ferguson.

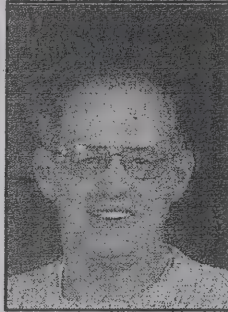
A veteran of the U.S. Air Force, he lived in Noble County for 45 years and retired from Fairmont Mobile Homes.

He was a member of Syracuse American Legion Post #223. In his spare time, he loved to golf, fish and bowl.

Surviving relatives include a son, Donald (Jennifer) Ferguson of Anderson; three daughters, Melody (Scott) Buckles of Columbia City, and Melissa (Michael) Pfleeger and Michelle (Paul) Schuyler, both of Anderson; a brother, John (Trudy) Ferguson of Tennessee; two sisters, Joyce (David) Kindall of Ohio and Claudia (Earl) Rogers of Fort Wayne; two stepbrothers, Gary (Sally) Werker of Bristol and Brent Werker of Fort Wayne; a mother-in-law, Betty Lawson of Columbia City; and eight grandchildren.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Monday, Sept. 19 at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier. There will be no funeral service.

Memorials may be directed to the American Cancer Society or Syracuse American Legion Post.



Ferguson



Paul J. 'Cricket' Roberson, 83

Sept. 7, 1922 - Sept. 17, 2005

Paul J. "Cricket" Roberson, 83, a former resident of Fort Wayne and Churubusco, died at 3:05 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 17, 2005, at Miller's Merry Manor in Garrett. He had been in declining health for some time and had been a resident there for the past month.



Born in Churubusco on Sept. 7, 1922, he was a son of Charles and Ida (Saunders) Roberson. As a young man he served as a combat infantryman with the U.S. Army in the Rhineland, Ardennes and in Central Europe during World War II.

He was employed in quality control at General Electric in Fort Wayne where he worked for 30 years, retiring in 1982.

Surviving relatives include two sons, Thomas (Janice) Roberson of Springfield, Ohio, and Gary (Debbie) Lopresti of Fort Wayne; a sister, Margaret Tarlton of Garrett, eight grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a son, William Smith; four sisters, Audrey Roberson, Dovie Schell, Esther Summers and Alice MacFarland; and two brothers, Dale Roberson and Alvin Roberson.

The funeral service is at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 20, at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with the Rev. Larry Smith, pastor of Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church, officiating. The family will receive friends at the mortuary from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. today. Interment is at Eel River Cemetery, south of Churubusco, with military graveside rites.

For those who wish, memorials may be directed to Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church.

Condolences may be e-mailed to the family at sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

The following obituary is being reprinted to provide additional survivor information. — CAH

Donald F. Ferguson, 63

Nov. 7, 1941 - Sept. 16, 2005

Donald F. Ferguson, 63, a resident of Kimmell, died at 2:37 a.m. Sept. 16, 2005, at Parkview Whitley Hospital.

He was born in Medina, Ohio, on Nov. 7, 1941, a son of Claude F. and E. Evelyn (Fleming) Ferguson.

A veteran of the U.S. Air Force, he lived in Noble County for 45 years and retired from Fairmont Mobile Homes.

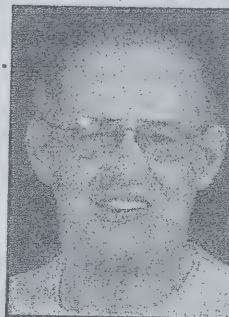
He was a member of Syracuse American Legion Post 223. In his spare time, he loved to golf, fish and bowl.

Surviving relatives include a son, Donald (Jennifer) Ferguson of Anderson; three daughters, Melody (Scott) Buckles of Columbia City, and Melissa (Michael) Pfleeger and Michelle (Paul) Schuyler, both of Anderson; a brother, John (Trudy) Ferguson of Tennessee; two sisters, Joyce (David) Kindall of Ohio and Claudia (Earl)

Rogers of Fort Wayne; two step-brothers, Gary (Sally) Werker of Bristol and Brent Werker of Fort Wayne; his mother-in-law, Betty Lawson of Columbia City; his step-father, Arnold Werker of Goshen, and eight grandchildren.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. today at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier. There is no funeral service.

Memorials may be directed to the American Cancer Society or Syracuse American Legion Post.



Ferguson

Lucille Laurretta Newman, 74

May 28, 1931 - Sept. 16, 2005

Lucille Laurretta Newman, 74, of Union Township, died at 11:30 a.m. Friday, Sept. 16, 2005, at her home.

Born on May 28, 1931, in Payne, Ohio, she was a daughter of Paul H. and Ruth D. (Kernes) Doctor. Reared in the Payne, Ohio, and Fort Wayne areas, she graduated from New Haven High School with the Class of 1949 and moved to Columbia City in 1950.



Newman

She married Paul Newman on Nov. 20, 1949, in Covington, Ky.

First employed at Meyer's Drug Store, Woolworth's and Reigel's Cigar Store, all in Fort Wayne, she then became postmaster at the Coesse Post Office from 1964 to 1966. She continued to work for the U.S.P.S., serving as a part-time flexible clerk at Arcola, Larwill and South Whitley post offices. She also worked on two occasions for tours at the Fort Wayne Post Office. In 1985, she was appointed postmaster at Arcola, retiring on Oct. 2, 1992.

A member of Coesse United Methodist Church, where she served as a Sunday School teacher, she served on the board of trustees, served as the chairman and secretary of the administration board president of the United Methodist Women and served as treasurer for about 27 years. She was a member of the National Association of Postmasters of the United States. She was also past president of the Blu-Lite Auxiliary of Union Township Fire Department.

Survivors include her husband, Paul; three sons, Greg (Karen) Newman and Paul "Bud" Newman, both of Columbia City; and Kenneth (Tracey) Newman of Florence, Ala.; three daughters, Paula (M. Doyle) Acres of Albion; Mar Dee (Andy) McCoy and Lou Ann (Bill) McCoy, both of Columbia City; 13 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren; one step-grandchild; a sister, Marietta Reinking of Fort Wayne and a brother-in-law, Gilbert Hartman of Poe.

She was preceded in death by her parents, a granddaughter, a sister, Delores R. Hartman and a

Norma G. Fredrick, 84

May 2, 1921 - Sept. 16, 2005

Norma G. Fredrick, 84, died Friday, Sept. 16, 2005, at United Methodist Memorial Home in Warren.

Born in Auburn on May 2, 1921, she was a daughter of Charles and Grace (Stanley) Driver.

A homemaker, she was a founding member of Calico Cut-Ups.

Survivors include daughters, Mary (David) Benbenek of Fort Wayne, and Nancy (David)

Cochran of Columbia City; four grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Glenn Charles Fredrick; five brothers and two sisters.

The funeral service is at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 20, at D.O. McComb & Sons Covington Knolls Funeral Home, 8325 Covington Road, Fort Wayne. Calling is from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. today. Burial is at Concordia Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Memorials may be made to United Methodist Memorial Home in Warren

brother-in-law, Vernon Reinking.

Visitation is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 20, at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Dr. in Columbia City. The funeral service is at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the funeral home with Pastor Jeff Boyle officiating. Burial is at Union Township Cemetery.

Memorial bequests may be given in Mrs. Newman's memory to Coesse United Methodist Church, or the the Hearing Impaired. Envelopes are available at the funeral home.

To send condolences to the family, sign the guest register, or to light a memorial candle in Mrs. Newman's memory, please visit www.demoneygrimes.com

Robert E. Raber, 72

Oct. 23, 1932 - Sept. 18, 2005

Robert E. Raber, 72, a resident of Lake Township in Allen County, died at 4:55 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 18, 2005, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne, where he had been a patient for the past three weeks.



Born on Oct. 23, 1932 in Fort Wayne, a son of Sylvester Ray and Helen (Tracey) Raber, he spent his formative years in Fort Wayne and graduated from Central High School.

He served in the U.S. Army in Germany following World War II.

On Feb. 16, 1957, he was married to Darlene M. Stout in Fort Wayne and lived all his adult life in Lake Township.

A 20-year employee of International Harvester in Fort Wayne, he worked there until the plant closed in 1983. He later worked at PTG in Columbia City, retiring in 1997.

A member of St. John's Lutheran Church-Lake Township, in his leisure time he enjoyed Notre Dame football, Indiana University basketball, various outdoor activities and most especially enjoyed his grandchildren.

Survivors include his wife, Darlene; his children, Deborah (Jeffrey) Johnson of Churubusco; Michelle (Charles) Seifert of Fort Wayne; and Scott (Alicia) Raber of Ossian; a brother, Lawrence (Gwen) Raber of Ossian; a sister, Carol (Dan) Stanek of Fort Wayne; an aunt, Martha, Flowers of Bluffton; nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a son, Douglas Raber and a brother, Les Raber.

The funeral service is at 11 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 22, at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco, with the Rev. Ralph Easterhaus, pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church-Lake Township, officiating. The family will receive friends at the mortuary from 2 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, or one hour prior to the service Thursday. Interment is at Eel River Cemetery, Allen County.

For those who wish, memorials may be directed to St. John's Lutheran Church-Lake Township Building Fund, Fort Wayne Rescue Mission, or Allen County Cancer Society.

Condolences may be e-mailed to the family at sympathy@sheetsandchilds.com

Leona C. Kline, 97

Oct. 1, 1907 - Sept. 19, 2005

Leona C. Kline, 97, of Huntington, died Monday, Sept. 19, 2005 at Heritage of

Huntington.

Born on Oct. 1, 1907 in Lenore, Ill., she was a daughter of Peter and Clara (Eschbach) Schmitt.

Her marriage to Paul P. Kline Sr., was on June 14, 1932 at St. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Huntington. He died Nov. 22, 1986.

Mrs. Kline was employed for many years at Our Sunday Visitor and retired in 1969. She worked part-time at Brown and Rowe Shoe store for 50 years and was a greeter at Kmart store for five years.

She was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church and its rosary sodality.

Survivors include a son, Paul P. Kline Jr. of Huntington; a daughter, Kathleen (LeRoy) Rinehart of Huntington; 11 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren and a great-great-grandchild.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by three brothers, Henry Schmitt, Leonard Schmitt and Edward Schmitt; three sisters, Hildegard Scher, Elizabeth Kastner and Elenora Hine.

Calling hours are from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. today at McElhaney-Hart Funeral Home, 715 N. Jefferson St., Huntington. Recitation of the rosary is at 6 p.m. The funeral service is at 10 a.m. Wednesday at St. Mary's Catholic Church, 903 N. Jefferson St., Huntington, with Father John Pfister as officiant. Burial is at Mt. Calvary Cemetery, Huntington.

Memorials may go to masses at St. Mary's Catholic Church, St. Jude's Children Hospital or Alzheimer's Association, in care of McElhaney-Hart Funeral Home.

Online condolences to
www.mcelhaneyhartfuneralhome.com.

Cunningham service

The funeral service for Douglas O. Cunningham, 73, was Wednesday morning, Sept. 14, 2005, at Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City, with the Rev. Jack Hierholzer, pastor of Columbia City Church of Christ officiating.

Selections played during the prelude included Bach's "Air on the G String," Grieg's "Morning," "The Old Rugged Cross" and "The Lord's Prayer."

The committal service followed at Highland Park Cemetery, Fort Wayne. Casketbearers were Michael Cunningham, William Cunningham, Hugh Cunningham, Scott Taylor, Landin Taylor and Larry Cunningham.

A detail from the United States Navy presented military honors at the cemetery.

Mr. Cunningham, husband of Marcella M. (English) Cunningham, and father of Michael (Grace) Cunningham, William (Nancy) Cunningham, Hugh (Pamela) Cunningham and Susan (Scott) Taylor, died Saturday, Sept. 10.

Banning service

The funeral service for Joshua Daniel Banning, 18, was Thursday morning, Sept. 15, 2005, at Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City, with Pastor Kenneth Link, a step-grandfather, officiating.

A variety of selections were played during the prelude and postlude.

The committal service was Saturday, Sept. 17, at Adams Cemetery. Daniel Banning, Joshua's father, carried the urn to the graveside.

Mr. Banning, son of Daniel L. (Lesa Link) Banning and Tina M. Kilgore, died Monday, Sept. 12.

Larry J. Earnhart, 60

Dec. 17, 1944 - Sept. 19, 2005

Larry J. Earnhart, 60, of rural Cromwell, died Monday, Sept. 19, 2005, at his home.

Born on Dec. 17, 1944, in Fort Wayne, a son of O. Clair and Kathryn (Folk) Earnhart, he was a lifelong Noble County resident.



He married Pamela Parker on July 13, 1974 in Kimmell.

A U.S. Navy veteran, he retired after 30 years of service from Super Valu where he had worked in food marketing. In addition, he also farmed.

A life member of the West Noble American Legion Post, he loved selling Tahitian Noni Juice and farming. He had also been active in the Noble Township 4-H Club. He enjoyed talking with family and friends and spending time with the Super Valu retirement group.

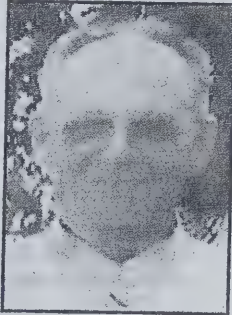
Survivors include his wife, Pamela; his mother, Kate Earnhart of Kimmell; a daughter, Deborah (Bill) Minnich of

Wolf Lake; two grandchildren; a brother, Fay (Suzanne) Earnhart of Columbia City; a nephew and a niece.

He was preceded in death by his father and a brother, David Earnhart.

The funeral is at 10 a.m. Friday, Sept. 23, at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, 705 S. Main St., in Ligonier, with the Rev. Don Poyser officiating. Calling is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Burial is at Sparta Cemetery, Kimmell.

Memorials may be directed to the American Diabetes Association.



Earnhart

Dorothea June (Joker) Powers, 82

Graveside service Thursday

Dorothea June (Joker) Powers, of Garden City, Mich., a former Columbia City resident, died Sept. 18, 2005.

She was the beloved wife of Donald, dear mother of Dennis Joker, Jim (Sue) Lindsay, Deborah Shantz, Darlene (Dennis) Paul and the late Billie Wayne Joker, and grandmother of seven grandchildren.

The graveside service is at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 22, at Jefferson Chapel (Sandbank) Cemetery, with Pastor John Cowan officiating.

To send condolences, sign the guest register or light a memorial candle in memory of Mrs. Powers, visit www.demoneygrimes.com.

Local services are by DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Dr., Columbia City.

Richard B. Dornick Sr., 94

April 5, 1911 - Sept. 21, 2005

Richard B. Dornick Sr., 94, of Columbia City, died at 2:38 pm. Wednesday, Sept. 21, 2005, at Miller's Merry Manor in Columbia City, where he had resided for the past three years.

Born in Fort Wayne, on April 5, 1911, a son of Alfred and Emma (Schrader) Dornick Sr., he attended the Fort Wayne school system and played football for Central High School. In 1946 he moved to the Tri-Lakes area, living there for many years. In 1979, he moved to Venice, Fla. and later moved back to Columbia City.



Dornick

He married Gladys L. Klump on April 15, 1939 in Fort Wayne.

Employed by Dana Corp. in Fort Wayne for 27 years, he was manager of the shipping department. He opened the Janesville, Wis., plant for Dana and assisted with the Caracas, Venezuela plant.

He attended Grace Lutheran Church in Columbia City and was a member of Elks Lodge, in Venice, the Eagles and Moose lodges in Englewood, Fla. and a former member of the Fort Wayne Shrine.

Survivors include a son, Richard B. (Sereta)

Dornick Jr., of Columbia City; a daughter, Roberta North of Columbia City; a brother, James (Mary) Dornick of Fort Wayne; a sister, Donna (Paul) Schoenle of Fort Wayne; four grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, Gladys; a sister, Marian Fawcett and a brother, Alfred Dornick Jr.

Visitation is from 10 to 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 24, at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Dr., Columbia City. The funeral service is at 11 a.m. Saturday at the funeral home, with Pastor Penny Mosher, Pastor of Congregational Care of First Church of God, officiating. Burial is at Greenhill Cemetery, Columbia City.

Newman service

Pastor Jeff Boyle officiated, with Pastor Sandra Runyan assisting, at the funeral service for Lucille Laurretta Newman, 74, on Wednesday, Sept. 21, 2005, at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home in Columbia City.

Organist Evelyn Stemen included "How Great Thou Art," "Victory in Jesus," "My Tribute" and "Pass It On" as prelude with "I Surrender All" as postlude. A video celebrating the life of Lucille was shared before family and friends were dismissed to the Angel of Hope Memorial Garden for a bird of peace ceremony.

Casketbearers were Richard, Loren and Robert Hartman, Gerald DeKnionick, John Saylor and

Marquis Jones. Pastor Runyan sang "Amazing Grace" a cappella at the committal service, with burial at Union Township Cemetery, rural Columbia City.

Mrs. Newman, beloved wife for 55 years of Paul Newman and mother of Greg, Paul "Bud" and Kenneth Newman, Paula Acres, Mar Dee McCoy and Lou Ann McCoy, died Friday, Sept. 16, at her home.

Memorial bequests may be given in Mr. Dornick's memory to donor's choice. Envelopes are available at the funeral home.

To send condolences to the family, sign the guest register or to light a memorial candle in Mr. Dornick's memory, please visit www.demoneygrimes.com.

Ronald Kline, 52

Dec. 22, 1952 - Sept. 21, 2005

Ronald Kline, 52, of Laketon, died at 1:40 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 21, 2005, at his residence.

Born on Dec. 22, 1952, in Laketon, a son of Ray and Bertha (Betten) Kline, he graduated from Manchester High School with the Class of 1971.

He was married to Mary Hammons on Jan. 12, 1974.

Shipping and inventory manager at Worthington Ag Parts in Leesburg, he had been employed with North Manchester Foundry from

1973 to 1982.

A member of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in North Manchester, where he served as custodian, he helped organize Churches for Youth, which later evolved into the present Youth for Christ in North Manchester. He was a confirmation teacher from 1985 to 2001, a member of Caring Community and active in Via DeCristo.

Survivors include his wife, Mary; a daughter, Melissa Haecker of Laketon; a daughter-in-law, Kari Kline of North Manchester; his father, Ray Kline; three brothers, Steve Kline and Roger Kline, both of North Manchester, and Allen Kline of Columbia City; four sisters, Sara (Rick) Greer of Rochester; Sandra (Randy) Buss of Laketon; Susan (William) Fisher, Memphis, Tenn., and Sally (Mark) Dyson of Roann; and four grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his mother, a son, Michael Kline and a sister.

The funeral is at 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 24, at Zion Lutheran Church in North Manchester, with Pastors Ralph Kirkpatrick and J.P. Freeman officiating. Visitation is from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. today at DeLaughter-McKee Mortuary, North Manchester Chapel. Burial is at Oaklawn Cemetery, North Manchester.

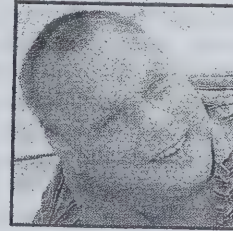
For those who wish, memorials may be made to his church or Wabash County Cancer Society.

Chad A. Jones, 41

Jan. 18, 1964 - Sept. 22, 2005

Chad A. Jones, 41, of Columbia City, died Thursday, Sept. 22, 2005.

Born on Jan. 18, 1964, at Whitley County Memorial Hospital in Columbia City, he was a son of Richard E. and Cynthia J. (Hoffman) Jones. His formative years were spent in Columbia City and he graduated with the Class of 1983 from Columbia City Joint High School.



Jones

On Oct. 26, 2000, he was united in marriage to his best friend, Linda K. (Woodcox) Krider and they have always made their home in the Columbia City area.

A machinist, he had been employed at Kilgore Manufacturing since 1995.

Surviving relatives include his wife, Linda; a step-daughter, Jennifer (Daniel) Cochran of Columbia City; three grandchildren; his parents, Rich and Cindy Jones of Columbia City; a brother, Craig A. Jones and a sister, Paige Harvey, both of Fort Wayne; and his in-laws, Jerry and Sonja Yagel of Columbia City.

The funeral service is at 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 25, at Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City, with Pastor Robert Crouse officiating. Visitation is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to the Humane Society of Whitley County.

Condolences may be sent to www.smithandsonsfuneralhome.com.

Ronald Clovis Kerch, 89

April 21, 1916 - Sept. 13, 2005

Ronald Clovis Kerch, 89, of Bloomington, died at 7:15 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 13, 2005, after a long battle with cancer.

Born on April 21, 1916, in Fort Wayne, he was a son of P. Jacob and Arminda (Hyre) Kerch. His mother died two days later and he was raised by his father and step-mother, Rose Weick Worden Kerch. He graduated from Columbia City High School in 1935.

On February 22, 1942, he married Wilma Marie Schuman of Columbia City.

Mr. Kerch served in World War II from 1942 to 1945, in the 478th Engineer Maintenance Company of the Army.

He received his degree in mechanical engineering from Tri-State College in Angola in 1948. He worked for the magnet wire division of Phelps Dodge Corporation from 1952 to 1968, primarily in Fort Wayne. In the last few years with Phelps Dodge, he was the project engineer charged with building a new manufacturing plant in Hopkinsville, Ky.

After the plant was operational, he served as plant engineer at the new facility until he left to start a new company, Central Tool and Die in Hopkinsville. In 1973, he moved to Bloomington where he stayed active in semi-retirement for many years, designing a wood-burning stove for a manufacturing company in Indiana and consulting on the rebuilding of 24 heavy ovens for Essex Wire in Vincennes.

Survivors include his wife, Wilma; two daughters, Joan (David) Goodman of Bloomington, and Jean (Richard) Findler of Grove City, Pa.; four grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a step-brother, William Melvin Worden.

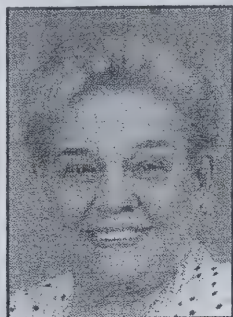


Hazel L. Cochlin, 84

March 4, 1921 - Sept. 25, 2005

Hazel L. Cochlin, 84, a resident of Columbia City, died at 8:50 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 25, 2005, at The Oaks Living Center where she had been a resident since May 2003.

Born on March 4, 1921 in San Pedro, Calif., she was a daughter of John E. and Mary Lucretia (Kuhn) Mock. While an infant, her family moved to North Webster where she spent her formative years and graduated from North Webster High School.



Cochlin

On Nov. 15, 1943, she was united in marriage to Clarence S. Cochlin and they made their home in rural Columbia City. Mr. Cochlin died June 26, 1991 and in August 1992, she moved into Columbia City.

She was employed at Magnavox for two years and International Telephone & Telegraph for eight years.

Her memberships included St. Paul of the Cross Catholic Church where she was a former member of its Ladies Sodality.

Survivors include a son, Cory G. (Marlane) Cochlin of Columbia City; a daughter, M. Patricia (Faren Cheek) Cochlin of Jacksonville, Fla.; and two grandsons.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by two sons, Michael Francis Cochlin and Kevin Thomas Cochlin; a daughter, Carol Anne Cochlin; a brother, John Jesse Mock; and a sister, Betty Jean Loe.

The Mass of Christian Burial is at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 28, at St. Paul of the Cross Catholic Church, 315 S. Line St., Columbia City, with Father Larry Kramer as celebrant. Burial is at the Catholic Cemetery. Visitation is from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City, and one hour prior to the service at the church on Wednesday.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to Riley Children's Hospital.

Condolences may be sent to

www.smithandsonsfuneralhome.com.

Ralph Junior Bueker, 83

Dec. 10, 1921 - Sept. 24, 2005

Ralph Junior Bueker, 83, a resident of Blue Lake near Churubusco, died early Saturday, Sept. 24, 2005, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla, where he had been a resident since June of this year. He was a former resident of Swan Road in Avilla.



Born on Dec. 10, 1921, in Fort Wayne, he was a son of Carl and Minnie (Goette) Bueker.

He had served in the Merchant Marines in World War II, where he made several voyages to transport troops and war materials that enabled the U.S. and Allied forces to turn the tide of victory against the Axis powers.

A self-employed truck driver, he had also worked for Fruehauf Trailer Company and was engaged in farming.

He was united in marriage to Mary K. Schlottback on Feb. 17, 1954.

His memberships included Calvary United Methodist Church of Avilla, American Legion Post 157 and V.F.W. Post 3846, both of Churubusco.

Survivors include his wife, Mary; children, Jane (Larry) Moos of Pembroke, Pines, Fla.; Fred (Jill) Bueker of Fort Wayne; Kathy (Craig) Bueker-Sweet of Kankakee, Ill.; and Mike (Melody) Bueker of Churubusco; nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother, Carl Bueker, and four sisters, Mildred Beard, Minerva Kryder, Nellie Bueker and Melba Weber.

The funeral service is at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 27, at Sheets and Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco, with Pastor Leonard L. King of Calvary United Methodist Church of Avilla, officiating. Burial will follow at Eel River Cemetery in Allen County. The family will receive friends from 4 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

For those who wish, memorials may be directed to the Provena Sacred Heart Home or to the donor's choice. Envelopes are available at the funeral home.

Condolences may be e-mailed to the family at sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

Dornick service

Pastor Penny Mosher officiated at the funeral service for Richard B. Dornick Sr., 94, on Saturday, Sept. 24, 2005, at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home in Columbia City.

Organist Evelyn Zumbrun included "Rock of Ages," "Just A Closer Walk With Thee," "How Great Thou Art" and "What A Friend We Have In Jesus" in the prelude, with "My Task" as postlude. Linc Linn shared a vocal solo of "The Old Rugged Cross." A video celebrating the life of Richard was shared before family and friends were dismissed to the Angel of Hope Memorial Garden for a bird of peace ceremony

Casketbearers were Joel and Jeff Dornick, Linc Linn, Kevin Nicodemus and Keith Kleespie. Burial was at Greenhill Cemetery, Columbia City.

Mr. Dornick, father of Richard B. Dornick Jr. and Roberta North, died Wednesday, Sept. 21.

Meryle Katherine Clawson, 90

May 17, 1915 - Sept. 26, 2005

Meryle Katherine Clawson, 90, of Columbia City, died at 9:53 p.m. Monday, Sept. 26, 2005, at Parkview Whitley Hospital in Columbia City.

Born in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, on May 17, 1915, she was a daughter of William and Blanche (McClure) Irwin. She was reared in Canada until age eight, moving to Philadelphia, Pa., until age 16, when she moved to South Bend, living there until moving to Columbia City in 1939. She graduated from the South Bend School System. In 1953, she and her family moved to California, returning to Columbia City in 1975.

Her first marriage was to Rome Dustin Repp on April 20, 1935, in South Bend. Her second marriage was to C. Russell Clawson on Jan. 4, 1975, in Isle of Guam.

She assisted with the family business, Southside Market, on Chicago St. in Columbia City. She also worked for their 7-11 Convenience Store in California and then became a secretary for the Southland Training Center Corporate offices.

A wonderful Christian woman, serving as deacon of First Presbyterian Church in San Diego, Calif., she was a former member of the Columbia City Presbyterian Church where she sang in the choir. She played piano and organ for Tri Lakes Baptist Church, was a member of Tri Kappa Sorority and traveled for 11 to 12 years with the R.V.I.C.S. (Roving Volunteers in Christian Service).

Survivors include her husband, C. Russell; a son, David Norman Repp of San Diego; four daughters, Linda Lee (Dan) Wagner of Banning, Calif.; Julia Jane (Lloyd) Nixon of Hemet, Calif.; Rhea Irwin (Robert) Kuhnert, of Chino Hills, Calif.; Lizbeth Ann (Lou) Repp of San Diego; two step-sons, Paul Allen (Kay) Clawson of Kimmell, and David Wayne (Bonnie) Clawson of Chaska, Minn.; two step-daughters, Karen Lorinne (Pastor David) Swineheart of Fort Wayne, and Rosemary Ellen (Steve) Brown in Columbia City; 14 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; nine step-grandchildren, and 14 step-great-grandchildren.



Clawson

Jones service

The funeral service for Chad A. Jones, 41, was Sunday afternoon, Sept. 25, 2005, at Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City, with Pastor Robert Crouse officiating. Friends sharing reflections were Norris Strickland, Scott Shoda and William Benner.

Favorite selections played during the prelude

and postlude included "Wonderful Tonight" by Eric Clapton, "Old Time Rock & Roll" by Bob Seger, "The Simple Life" by Elton John, "Forever in Blue Jeans" by Neil Diamond, "The Prayer" by Celine Dion, "Time to Say Goodbye" by Sarah Brightman, "Only Time" by Enya and Les Miserables' "Bring Him Home." Bob and Linda Crouse sang "You Lift Me Up" during the service.

Mr. Jones, husband of Linda K. (Woodcox) Krider Jones, son of Rich and Cindy (Hoffman) Jones, step-father of Jennifer (Daniel) Cochran, brother of, Craig A. Jones and Paige Harvey and son-in-law of Jerry and Sonja Yagel, died Thursday, Sept. 22.

She was preceded in death by her parents, a son, Randy Nevin Repp; a daughter, Marilyn K. Jennings, and five brothers and sisters.

Visitation is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. today at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral

Home, 600 Countryside Dr. in Columbia City, with Tri Kappa Twilight Memorial Service at 7:30 p.m. The funeral service is at 3 p.m. Thursday, at Tri Lakes Baptist Church, with visitation at the church after 2 p.m. Pastors David Swineheart and Robert Siegrist will officiate. Burial follows at Oak Grove Cemetery, Columbia City.

Memorial bequests may be given in Mrs. Clawson's memory to the donor's choice. Envelopes are available at the funeral home.

To send condolences to the family, sign the guest register or to light a memorial candle in Mrs. Clawson's memory, visit www.demoneygrimes.com.

Gertrude C. Kichler, 89

Aug. 5, 1916 - Sept. 27, 2005

Gertrude C. Kichler, 89, a former resident of Albion, died Tuesday morning, Sept. 27, 2005 at Miller's Merry Manor Nursing Home in Columbia City, where she had been a resident for the past three years.

Born on Aug. 5, 1916, in Philadelphia, Pa., she was a daughter of William R. and Janie C. (Timmons) McCabe. She spent her early years in Dagsboro, Del.

She was united in marriage to Tony M. Kichler on April 30, 1938, in Snow Hill, Md. They moved to the Merriam area in 1945. Mr. Kichler died Feb. 24, 1993.

A homemaker, she was a member of Merriam Christian Chapel Church where she taught Sunday School and loved to play the piano.

She was a former member of the Albion D.A.V. Auxiliary and the Local Yolcats Band.

Survivors include several nieces and nephews, two sisters-in-law, Marian McCabe of Millsboro, Del., and Dora Smith of Columbia City.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents, a daughter, Shara Beth; a son, William Jacob; a sister, Alma Mayne and a brother, Bill McCabe.

The funeral service is at 11 a.m. Friday, Oct. 30, at Merriam Christian Chapel Church, with Pastors Steve Pulley and Terry Zolman officiating. Burial will follow at Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam. The family will receive friends from 2 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco.

For those who wish, memorials may be directed to Merriam Christian Chapel Church or Hospice of Whitley County. Envelopes are available at the funeral home.

Condolences may be e-mailed to the family at sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

Isaac Budrey, 90

Jan. 20, 1915 - Sept. 28, 2005

Isaac Budrey, 90, a resident of Wilmington, Ohio, died at 10:20 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 28, 2005, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne. He had been in declining health for some time and had entered the hospital on Tuesday.

Born in Bryan, Ohio, on Jan. 20, 1915, a son of Abraham and Wadia (Emrod) Budrey, his formative years were spent in Wilmington. He graduated from Wilmington High School and as a young man, he worked at the Yellowstone National Park with the Civilian Conservation Corps.

On Sept. 6, 1949, he was married to Olive M. Speelman in Wilmington. The couple spent all of their married lives in Wilmington, until moving to Fort Wayne in August to be near one of their daughters.

A World War II U.S. Army veteran, in his early years he had worked at Miller's Bakery in Wilmington and retired in 1972 as a rural mail carrier for the U.S. Postal Service in Wilmington. He had also been co-owner of the Budrey and Gordley Motorcycle Shop.

He attended Villars Chapel United Methodist Church in Clarksville, Ohio, and was a member of Wilmington Veteran's of Foreign Wars Post 6710, Wilmington American Legion Post 49, Wilmington Rangers Motorcycle Club and the Farmers and Sportsman's Club.

Survivors include his widow, Olive; three daughters, Dolores (Ralph) Oltmann of Punta Gorda, Fla.; Camilla (Robert) Pelkington of Angola, and Emeline (Stephen) Detrick of Fort Wayne, with whom he lived; two sisters, Louise Budrey of Hometown and Mary (Norman Sr.) Bojrab of Fort Wayne; several step-grandchildren and step-great-grandchildren.

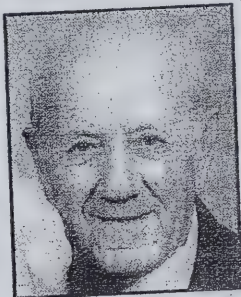
In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, Mose Budrey, and a sister, Helen Budrey.

The funeral service is at 11 a.m. (Ohio Time) Monday at the Reynolds-Smith Funeral Home in Wilmington, with the Rev. Harold Utley, pastor of Villars Chapel United Methodist Church, officiating. The family will receive friends at the mortuary from 2 to 8 p.m. Sunday. Interment is at Sugar Grove Cemetery, Wilmington, with military graveside rites.

For those who wish, memorials may be directed to the Alzheimer's Association, American Diabetes Association or Villars Chapel United Methodist Church.

Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco is in charge of local arrangements.

Condolences may be e-mailed to the family at sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.



Budrey



Frank A. Neidigh, 72

July 3, 1933 - Sept. 28, 2005

Frank A. Neidigh, 72, of Columbia City, died at 9:42 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 28, 2005, at Miller's Merry Manor Nursing Home in Columbia City where he had been admitted on Monday.

Born on July 3, 1933, in Plymouth, Marshall County, he was a son of Frank and Dorothy (Binkley) Neidigh Sr. He lived in Bourbon, moving to Columbia City in 1948. He graduated from Columbia City High School with the class of 1951 and attended two years at Ball State University and Purdue University for two years.

He served with the U.S. Army during the Korean War.

His marriage was to Shirley L. Orr on July 29, 1953, at Columbia City United Methodist Church.

Retiring in 1993 from Magnavox Corporation, Fort Wayne, he was the director of engineer services.

He served as a Columbia City council member from 1992 to 1996, was a member of Columbia City United Methodist Church, where he served as a former church treasurer and sat on the Pastor Parish Committee, Elks Lodge, Magnavox Quarter Century Club and the American Cancer Society.

Survivors include his wife, Shirley; three sons, Michael Neidigh of Columbia City; Charles Neidigh of Fort Wayne, and Brian Neidigh of Indianapolis; a daughter, Deidra (Randall) Bockelman of Columbia City; a sister, Susan (Charles "Chick") Harker of Columbia City; seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a grandson.

Visitation is from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. today at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Drive in Columbia City. The funeral service is at 1 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home with Pastor Paul Arnold, of Columbia City United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial is at Oak Grove Cemetery, rural Columbia City.

Memorial gifts may be given in Mr. Neidigh's memory to the Building Fund of Columbia City United Methodist Church. Envelopes are available at the funeral home.

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Neidigh



Clawson service

Pastors David Swineheart and Robert Siegrist officiated at the funeral service for Meryle Katherine Clawson, 90, on Thursday, Sept. 29, 2005, at Tri Lakes Baptist Church.

Lorie Foy selected traditional hymns for the piano prelude and postlude. Special music included vocal duets "In the Garden" and "God Leads Us Along" by Harry and Anita Harris, with congregational hymns of "He Keeps Me Singing" and "Amazing Grace." Eulogy was shared by David Clawson.

Casketbearers were Jason and Jeff Clawson, Nathan Swineheart, Don Pequignot, Levi Smith and Mike Clifford. Burial was at Oak Grove Cemetery, rural Columbia City.

Tri Kappa sisters provided a twilight memorial service with Jane Rimmel, Jan Hammer, Mary Louise Strouse, Dorothy Bloom, Jean Langohr, Viola Ramp, Harriet Hamilton, Barbara Miller and Alice Hood participating.

Mrs. Clawson, beloved wife of C. Russell Clawson and mother of David Norman Repp, Linda Lee Wagner, Julie Jane Nixon, Rhea Irwin Kuhnert and Lizbeth Ann Repp, died Monday, Sept. 26, 2005.

Mary Alice Johnston, 85

County native

Mary Alice Johnston, 85, died suddenly in her Oakmont, Calif. home on Wednesday, Sept. 21, 2005.

Born in Columbia City in 1920, she was a daughter of J. Melvin Shumaker and Alice B. Lower.

She trained as a nurse before World War II and married James A. Johnston, also from Columbia City, on July 3, 1944, in Lincoln, Neb.

During his 27 years as an Air Force officer, she

raised their children while traveling extensively in the U.S. and the Pacific region. Upon retirement from the Air Force they remained in Hawaii for 20 years and in 1984 they settled to California.

An avid gardener, she specialized in tropical plants, especially orchids. She also followed current events and politics and was an active member in Oakmont's community organizations. She will be loved and remembered for her generous, reliable and friendly nature.

Among survivors are her children, John (Linda) Johnston of Monroe, Ore.; Julia (James) Roberts of London, England, and Jeffrey (Louise) Johnston of Berkeley, Calif.; a sister, Julia Snodgrass of Columbia City, and two grandchildren.

At her request there is no formal service.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Heart Association, P.O. Box 844, Santa Rosa, CA 95402-0844.

Arrangements were completed by Daniels Chapel of the Roses Funeral Home and Crematory, Santa Rosa, Calif.

William 'Nick' Clashman, 63

Nov. 3, 1941 - Sept. 29, 2005

William "Nick" Clashman, 63, died Sept. 29,

2005.

Born on Nov. 3, 1941 in Madison, a son of Samuel and Hazel (Boyd) Clashman, he graduated from Deputy High School in 1959 and Purdue University in 1964. He received a master's degree from Wayne State University.

He left Indiana in 1964 and was married to Joyce (nee Orselli) for 38 years.

Survivors include his wife, Joyce; two sons, Jeffrey (Amy) Clashman, and Lynn Clashman; a grandson; brothers, Ernest (Jane) Clashman, and David Clashman and sister, Aileen (John) Meier, all of Indiana.

He retired this year from Carboloy after 41 years of service.

The funeral service is at 9:30 a.m. Monday, Oct. 3, at The Sterling Heights Chapel of Bagnasco & Calcaterra Funeral Home, 13650 E. Fifteen Mile Road at Schoenherr. Visitation is from 2 to 9 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. Interment is at Resurrection Cemetery, Clinton Twp., Mich.

Vera R. McClain, 85

March 27, 1920 - Sept. 29, 2005

Vera R. McClain, 85, died Sept. 29, 2005.

Born in Collins on March 27, 1920, she was a daughter of Richard and Lilly (Hull) Herron.

She was a member of the Loyal Order of Moose in Milan and enjoyed knitting.

Survivors include a son, Larry (Debra) McClain of Addison; a daughter, Beverly (Jim) Purke of Florida; two sisters, Maxine Jones and Sarah Herron, both of Columbia City; seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

The funeral service is at 3 p.m. Monday, Oct. 3, at Braun Everiss Wagley Funeral Home, 1501 W. Maumee St., Adrian, Mich. Visitation is from noon until time of service.

Memorials may be made to the Children of the Moose Heart. Envelopes are available at the funeral home.

Marie Flaig Shepherd, 89

May 21, 1916 - Sept. 29, 2005*

Marie Flaig Shepherd, 89, a former resident of rural Churubusco in Allen County, died at 8:45 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 29, 2005, at Covington Manor Nursing Center in Fort Wayne, where she had been a resident for more than two years.

Born in Mary 21, 1916, in Fort Wayne, she was a daughter of John H. and Agnes S. (VanBuskirk) Flaig. She spent her formative years in Fort Wayne and graduated from Southside High School in 1934.

She married Revella L. Shepherd on Dec. 14, 1935 in Fort Wayne. The couple spent the early years of their marriage in Fort Wayne and lived at their home in Eel River Township for 50 years.

She was employed as a clerical worker at Mutual Security Life Insurance Company in Fort Wayne for eight years, retiring from there in 1974.

Surviving relatives include her daughter Darlene M. (Lynn) Hyndman of Fort Wayne, four grandsons and nine great-grandchildren.

Her husband preceded her in death on May 28, 1995. In addition to her parents and her husband, she was preceded in death by an infant son; a son, Larry LaMar, a daughter-in-law, Mary Ann Shepherd; and two brothers, Floyd and Arnold Flaig.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 4, at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home with Rev. Sue Socha, pastor of Emmanuel Lutheran Church in

LaOtto, officiating. The family will receive friends at the mortuary after noon on Tuesday. Interment will be in the Eel River Cemetery, south of Churubusco.

For those who wish, memorials may be directed to Visiting Nurse Service and Hospice, or Allen County ASPCA.

Condolences may be e-mailed to the family at sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

Janet L. Weirick, 70

Feb. 24, 1935 - Oct. 1, 2005

Janet L. Weirick, 70, a resident of Columbia City, died at 6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 1, 2005, at the home of her son, Matthew, who had been caring for her throughout the summer.



Weirick

Born on Feb. 24, 1935, in Whitley County, she was a daughter of Archie and Ethel (Smith) Blowers. Her formative years were spent in Whitley County and she graduated from Coesse High School.

On Aug. 20, 1953, she was united in marriage to Junior Lee Weirick and they always made their home in Columbia City. Mr. Weirick died Feb. 4, 1997.

A homemaker and artist, she is survived by a son, Matthew A. Weirick of Fort Wayne, and two sisters, Gloria Rehm and Carol Tobin, both of Florida.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by a son, Lee A. Weirick, and a sister, Bonnie Gaff.

The funeral service is at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 5, at Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City, with visitation two hours prior to the service. Burial is at South Park Annex Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Parkview Home Health & Hospice or American Cancer Society.

Condolences may be sent to www.smithandsonsfuneralhome.com.

Era A. Bloom, 91

Oct. 26, 1913 - Oct. 2, 2005

Era A. Bloom, 91, of Churubusco died at 1:23 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 2, 2005, at Parkview Whitley Hospital in Columbia City, where she had been a patient since Thursday.

Born on Oct. 26, 1913, in Lake Township, Allen County, she was a daughter of Elmer and Jennie Marie (Clayton) Fisher. She spent her formative years in rural Allen County.



Bloom

She was married to Lawrence H. Bloom on June 29, 1929. The couple spent most of their married lives on a farm near Ari, and later moved to Columbia City. She was preceded in death by her husband on April 21, 1992, and moved to Churubusco five years ago.

A homemaker all of her life, she was a member of the Columbia City Eagles Auxiliary Aerie 1906.

Survivors include her children, Bob (Dixie) Bloom of Fort Wayne, and Lois (Keith) Ely of Lake Wales, Fla.; a brother, Karl Fisher of Roanoke; 16 grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren and several great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband, she was also preceded in death by three sons: Charles, Larry and Russell Bloom, and by two sisters, Edna Smith and Mary Hyre.

The funeral services is at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 5, at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco, with the Rev. Rick Van Horn, pastor of Believer's Bible Fellowship, officiating. The family will receive friends at the mortuary from 5 to 8 p.m. Tuesday. Interment is at the Ege Catholic Cemetery, Noble County.

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Dr. Verlin G. Hile, 70

Visitation Tuesday, service Wednesday

Dr. Verlin G. Hile, 70, a Columbia City dentist, died early this morning, Oct. 3, 2005, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

The funeral service is at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City, with visitation from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday.

A complete obituary will be published in Tuesday's edition of *The Post & Mail*. Additional information may be obtained by calling 244-6877.

Condolences may be sent to www.smithandsonsfuneralhome.com.

Grant Robert Reilly, 19

Nov. 19, 1985 - Oct. 2, 2005

Grant Robert Reilly, 19, of Tri Lakes, died at 1:05 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 2, 2005.

Born in Fort Wayne on Nov. 19, 1985, a son of Robert H. and Anita M. (Lemke) Reilly, his formative years were spent in the Columbia City area and he graduated with the Class of 2004 from Columbia City High School.

He attended the young Marines program, was a summer counselor at Camp Crosley in North Webster for three years and recently enlisted in the U.S. Navy.



Reilly

Surviving relatives include his father and step-mother, Robert H. and Sarah Reilly of South Whitley, his mother and step-father, Anita M. and Douglas Driscoll of Columbia City; three brothers, Lance Corporal Lyon T. Reilly at Camp Lejeune, N.C.; Andrew (Rachael) Driscoll of Fort Wayne, and Robert (Lindy) Johnson of Columbia City; four sisters, Neolani (Brian) Stephens of Churubusco; Brooke (Thomas Martinez) Driscoll and Danielle (Matthew) Hull, both of Columbia City, and Callie Johnson of Muncie; grandparents, Martha Reilly and Billy and Ruth Malone, all of Columbia City; three nephews and a niece.

The funeral service is at 10 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 6, at Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City, with the Rev. Barry Faucett, pastor of New Hope Wesleyan Church, officiating. Visitation is from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to Camp Crosley.

Condolences may be sent to www.smithandsonsfuneralhome.com.

Verlin G. Hile, D.D.S., 70

Aug. 2, 1935 - Oct. 4, 2005

Dr. Verlin G. Hile, 70, Columbia City dentist, died at 12:45 a.m. Monday, Oct. 3, 2005, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne where he was admitted on Friday, Sept. 23.

Born on Aug. 2, 1935, in Columbia City, he was a son of Jacob and Mary (Stump) Hile. An all State football player, he graduated from Columbia City High School. He then graduated from Indiana University in Bloomington and later Indiana University

School of Dentistry in Indianapolis.

Dr. Hile began his 47 years of dental practice in Columbia City at Grant, Grant and Hile, later establishing Hile & Parnell where he was currently practicing.

On June 30, 1990, he was united in marriage to Gladith G. (Knafel) Thurston. They always made their home east of Columbia City.

He was a member of Isaac Knapp, Indiana Dental Association, American Dental Association, Pierre Fauchard Academy, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, served as past president of Columbia City Rotary and was a past master of Columbia City Lodge 189 Free & Accepted Masons.

Surviving relatives include his wife, Gladith; a daughter, Laura Hile of Indianapolis; a son, Jay Matthew (Melissa) Hile of Columbia City; three step-children, Brenda Smith of Silver Lake; Richard (Carol) Oliver of Cromwell, and Robert (Rebecca) Oliver of Huntington; two grandsons; nine step-grandchildren; and two sisters, Leola M. Goodrich of Grants Pass, Ore., and Carolyn F. Parnell of Columbia City.

He was preceded in death by a son, Andrew Barrett "Barry" Hile and a brother, Rex E. Hile. The funeral service is at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 5, at Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City, with the Rev. Donald Poyser officiating. Visitation is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. today. Burial is at Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

The Columbia City Lodge 189 F.&A.M. will provide a Masonic service at 8:30 p.m. today at the funeral home.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to American Heart Association or American Lung Association.

Condolences may be sent to www.smithandsonsfuneralhome.com.

Lydia H. Melzer, 88

April 4, 1917 - Oct. 2, 2005

Lydia H. Melzer, 88, died at 12 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 2, 2005, at her home.

Born in Shields, N.D. on April 4, 1917, a daughter of Carl and Julia (Horst) Herzog, she received her formal education in the public school system at Glenview, Ill.

She married Joseph H. Melzer on Nov. 25, 1936, in Glenview. They came to Columbia City in December 1981 from

Glenview. Mr. Melzer preceded her in death.

She retired from the former C&S Chaparral



Melzer

Restaurant, which was owned by her daughter, Sharon J. Gharib. She was a cook and a waitress there.

Mrs. Melzer was a member of Trinity Presbyterian Church and the Fraternal Order of Eagles Lodge 1906 auxiliary.

Survivors include a daughter, Sharon Josephine Gharib of Columbia City; a granddaughter, a grandson, four great-grandchildren, and eight sisters and brothers.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by her step-father, Sigmound Frankenthor Sr., and five sisters, Emily Neis, Mollie Herzog, Marie Barthel, Emma Mendez and Jean Eschenbrenner.

DeMoney Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home in Columbia City.

Visitation is from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 5, at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Drive in Columbia City. The funeral service is at 2 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home with Captain Karen Kosberg of Parkview Home Health and Hospice officiating. Burial is at Thorn Cemetery, Ormas (Noble County).

Memorial bequests may be given in Mrs. Melzer's memory to the Salvation Army. Envelopes are available at the funeral home.

To send condolences to the family, sign the guest register or to light a memorial candle in Mrs. Melzer's memory, please visit www.demoneygrimes.com.

Patricia Kay Burris, 60

Jan. 11, 1945 - Oct. 2, 2005

Patricia Kay Burris, 60, of Silver Lake, died Sunday, Oct. 2, 2005, in the emergency room at Kosciusko Community Hospital in Warsaw.

Born on Jan. 11, 1945, in Whitley County, she was a daughter of Walter and Mabel (Miller) Jontz.

On Dec. 31, 1965, she was united in marriage to Michael Burris.

A 37-year resident of Kosciusko County, she was a customer service rep at Lake City Bank in Silver Lake for the past 36 years and was a member of Warsaw Community Church.

Survivors include her husband, Michael; a son, Adam Burris of Columbia City; two daughters, Janel Burris and Emily Hemmer, both of Silver Lake; two sisters, Judy Shiota of Denver, Colo., and Carolyn Jontz of Arlington, Texas.

The funeral service is at 10 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 6, at Titus Funeral Home in Warsaw, with Pastor Bryan Koorey officiating. Visitation is from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Burial is at Oakwood Cemetery, Warsaw.

For those who wish memorials may be made in memory of her mother, Mable Jontz, to the Alzheimer's Association, 227 E. Washington Blvd.-Suite 301, Fort Wayne, IN 46897.



Burris

Eleanor Louise Notter, 88

Jan. 12, 1917 - Aug. 12, 2005

Eleanor Louise Notter, 88, of Angola, and formerly of Columbia City, died at 1:15 a.m. on Friday, Aug. 12, 2005, at Northern Lakes Nursing Rehab Center in Angola.

Born in Huntington on Jan. 12, 1917, a daughter of Orville and Ethel (Beeching) Stephan, she was raised in Huntington County and graduated from Huntington High School with the Class of 1934.



Notter

She married Louis C. Notter Sr., and they set up housekeeping in Andrews. They moved to Fort Wayne and in 1965, moved to Loon Lake. After retirement they spent six months of the year at Loon Lake and six months at their home in Lake Placid, Fla.

She was a member of the United Methodist Church in Andrews, Eastern Star, Ladies of the Elks, Home Extension Club and Woman's Club of Lake Placid.

She was a loving and caring mother of two sons, Louis C. (Christine) Notter of Columbia

City, and Michael S. (Sondra) Notter of Angola; six grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Louis Sr., and two sisters, Ellen Stephan and Eudora Russell.

A memorial service is at 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 8, at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Drive, Columbia City, with Pastor Gene Rohrer officiating. Burial is at Riverside Cemetery, Andrews, at a later date.

Memorials may be given in memory of Mrs. Notter to the Lion's International Eye Bank, League for the Blind, St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital or Whitley County Council on Aging. Envelopes are available at the funeral home.

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Melzer

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Jan. 22, 1942 - Oct. 4, 2005

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Born on Jan. 22, 1942, a son of George A. and Opal P. (Snyder) Fahl, he graduated from Columbia City High School with the Class of 1960.

A lifelong Whitley County resident, he served in the U.S. Marines.

His marriage to Cindy E. Hunter took place on Aug. 8, 1998, in Columbia City.

A member of the Leatherneck Coffee Club, American Legion and VFW in Columbia City, he worked for 20 years at Navistar International in Fort Wayne.

Survivors include his wife, Cindy; a daughter, Chris Fahl and a son,

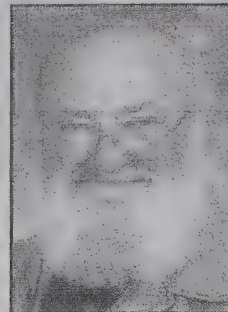
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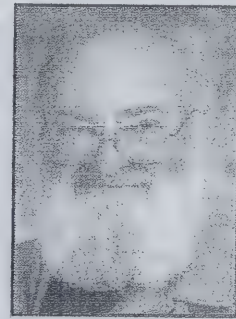
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Fahl

Blanche L. Guerin, 76

March 21, 1929 - Oct. 4, 2005

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Born on March 21, 1929 in Park Rapids, Minn., a daughter of Manford J. and Edith (Armbruster) Bailey, her formative years were spent in Minnesota.

On Sept. 8, 1951, she was united in marriage to Francis M. Guerin. They made their home in the state of Washington for a short time before moving to Cleveland Township. Mr. Guerin died July 16, 1992.

A homemaker, she was a member of South Whitley First Baptist Church.

Surviving relatives include four sons, Alva Wayne Guerin of Kansas; Francis Darrell (Jenny) Guerin of Fort Wayne; Keith Marshall (Mary) Guerin of Macy, and Martin James Guerin of Sellers Lake; five daughters, Sheila (Rod)



Guerin

Shepherd of Nabb; Sharon (Doug) Shearer of Marion; Phyllis Vigar of Roann; Debra (Henry) Born and Teresa (Jim) Galloway, both of South Whitley; 19 grandchildren; several great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Delores Anderson of Federal Way, Wash., and Jean Eischens of Tacoma, Wash.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by two brothers, Donald Bailey and Richard Bailey.

The funeral service is at 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 8, at Smith and Sons Miller Chapel in South Whitley, with Pastor Tim J. Erlandson officiating. Burial is at Covington Memorial Gardens, Fort Wayne. Visitation is from 2 to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to First Baptist Church, American Heart Association or American Diabetes Association.

Condolences may be sent to www.smithandsonsfuneralhome.com.

Betty L. Hamilton, 74

April 30, 1931 - Oct. 4, 2005

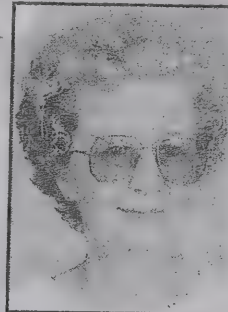
Betty L. Hamilton, 74, of Milford, died of natural causes at 11:06 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 4, 2005, at Goshen General Hospital.

Born on April 30, 1931 in Akron, a daughter of Ora and Louie (Barber) Shoemaker, she grew up in the Akron and South Bend areas.

She married Dean L. Hamilton on Aug. 14, 1954.

A homemaker who enjoyed bowling, she lived in Milford for the past 51 years.

Survivors include her husband, Dean; a son, Garry Hamilton and a daughter, Kathy (Rodney)



Hamilton

Solina, both of Syracuse; four grandchildren; and a sister, Mariam (Jim) Backus of Wabash.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

The funeral service is at 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 8, at Mishler-Eastlund Funeral Home, 461 W. 900 N, Milford. Visitation is from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home in Milford. Burial is at Akron Cemetery, Akron.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to the donor's choice.

Cochlin service

The funeral service for Hazel L. Cochlin, 84, was Wednesday, Sept. 28, 2005, at St. Paul of the Cross Catholic Church, with Father Larry Kramer as celebrant and Deacon Joseph Zickgraf assisting. Mike Wright served as lector. Acolytes were Jeremy Hinen and Zachary Rupp.

Sister Rose Clare Ehrlich played a variety of hymns during the prelude and postlude. Joe Cochran, the cantor, sang "Holy Darkness" during the prelude. The gathering hymn was "Be Not Afraid," hymn of preparation was "How Great Thou Art," the communion hymn was "You Are Mine," mediation hymn was "Ave Marie" and the closing hymn was "On Eagle's Wings."

Committal service followed at the Catholic Cemetery in Fort Wayne. Casketbearers were John C. Cochlin, Steve Loe, Joe Kretschmer and Shawn Bishop.

Mrs. Cochlin, widow of Clarence S. Cochlin and mother of Cory G. (Marlane) Cochlin and M. Patricia (Faren Cheek) Cochlin, died Sunday, Sept. 25.

Arrangements were completed by Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City.

Betty Louise Roop, 75

Spt. 1, 1930 - Oct. 5, 2005

Betty Louise Roop, 75, of Bluffton, died at 9 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 5, 2005, at her home.

Born on Sept. 1, 1930, in Poneto, she was a daughter of John and Clara (Kaves) Fox.

She was married to Arthur L. Roop in Churubusco.

A laborer at Memcore in Bluffton, she was a member of the VFW auxiliary.

Survivors include her husband, Arthur; children, Dennis L. Roop of Monroeville, Sherry Lynn (Thomas) Faucher of Marine City, Mich., Tony Roop of Decatur, Debora J. West of Churubusco, Brenda Cermier of Bluffton; Charles L. Roop of Phoenix, Ariz., and Brenda Salister of Decatur; 23 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; two brothers, Bill Fox and Lewis Fox, both of Bluffton, and two sisters, Ruby Ginger of Bluffton and Libby Jackson of Arkansas.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Angela Roop, a brother and a sister.

The graveside service is at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 8, at Alberson Cemetery. Visitation is from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at Goodwin Memorial Chapel in Bluffton.

Preferred memorials are to Hospice of Northeast Indiana, Berne.

Shirley Heen Zell, 67

Jan. 9, 1938 - Oct. 5, 2005

Shirley Heen Zell, 67, of Columbia City, died at 11:29 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 5, 2005, at her home.

Born in Fort Wayne on Jan. 9, 1938, a daughter of William Henry and Elsie Margaret (Mowery) Nickolson, she attended St. Joe Central Elementary School and graduated from North Side High School in Fort Wayne.

Her marriage was to Donald Owen Zell in October of 1955. She lived her entire lifetime in Fort Wayne, moving to Columbia City in 2003.

She worked at Whitley Products, Fort Wayne, and as a CNA at Kingston Care Nursing Homes in Fort Wayne.

Survivors include a daughter, Kathy Kay (Steve Slater) Lafountain of Columbia City; three sisters, Bonnie Ferris of Fort Wayne, Joann (Richard) Haire of Wolcottville and Beverly (Kenny) Seltenright of Villa; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Donald Zell; a son, Donald Owen Zell Jr., and three brothers.

Visitation is from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday, Oct. 10, at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Dr. in Columbia City. The funeral service is at 2 p.m. Monday at the funeral home with Pastor John Cummings officiating. Burial is at Lindenwood Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

To send condolences to the family, sign the guest register or to light a memorial candle in Mrs. Zell's memory, please visit www.demoneygrimes.com.

Alan Kent Beeks, 53

Dec. 13, 1951 - Oct. 6, 2005

Alan Kent Beeks, 53, of Powder Springs, Ga., died at 1:20 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 6, 2005, at his residence.

Born in Wabash on Dec. 13, 1951, he was a son of Norman Beeks and Loretta (Scott) Rench.

A longtime resident of the Fort Wayne, Columbia City and Churubusco areas, he had resided in Powder Springs for the past 10 years.

He married Susan Ford on May 13, 1996.

For the past nine-and-one-half years he worked as a long-haul driver for Bavarian Motor Transportation.

Survivors include his wife, Susan Beeks; two daughters, Angie (Ed) Glick of Churubusco; and Amy (Bret) Facer of Columbia City; a son, Alan L. Beeks of Powder Springs; a step-daughter, Shannon Harrison of Stone Mountain, Ga.; a step-son, Shane Ford of Powder Springs; his mother, Loretta Rench of Muncie; his father and step-mother, Norman (Brenda) Beeks of Jasonville; five sisters, Pam Maples and Trudie West, both of Fort Wayne, Pat Auxier of Muncie, Cindy McNeal of Jasonville, and Kim Rench of Muncie, two brothers, Doug Rench of Fort Wayne, and Frank Rench of Muncie, and five grandchildren.

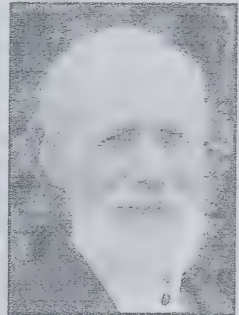
He was preceded in death by his step-father, Earl Rench and a brother, Randy Beeks.

Visitation is from 2 to 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 8, at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Dr., in Columbia City. The funeral service is at 1 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home, with

Pastor Penny Mosher, pastor of Congregational Care and First Church of God, officiating. Burial is at Merriam Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

Memorial bequests may be given in Mr. Beek's memory to the donor's choice. Envelopes are available at the funeral home.

To send condolences to the family, sign the guest register or to light a memorial candle in Mrs. Beek's memory, please visit www.demoneygrimes.com.



Beeks

Weirick service

The funeral service for Janet L. Weirick, 70, was Wednesday, Oct. 5, 2005, at Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City, with Chaplain Karen Kosberg, of Parkview Home Health & Hospice officiating.

Selections played during the prelude and postlude included "Where the Roses Never Fade," "Where We Shall Never Die" and "I We Never Meet Again."

The committal service followed at South Park Annex Cemetery. Casketbearers were Ronald Dose, Jim Soracco, Jason David, Javie Bayouth, Barry Nelson and Chris Jugloff.

Mrs. Weirick, widow of Junior Lee Weirick and mother of Matthew A. Weirick and the late Lee A. Weirick, died Saturday, Oct.

C. Bernadine "Bea" Sheeler, 85

June 27, 1920 - Oct. 5, 2005

C. Bernadine "Bea" Sheeler, 85, of rural Columbia City, died at 8 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 5, 2005, at The Oaks Living Center in Columbia City.

Born on June 27, 1920 in Paris, Ill., a daughter of Clint A. and Cora (Baughman) Kraemer, she graduated from Paris High School with the Class of 1938.

She attended Mrs. Holt's School for Secretaries in Washington, D.C., for two years, attending business college while working. She moved to Alexandria, Va., in 1938 and worked at City Hall until 1941. She then moved to Arlington, Va. and worked as a typist for the Bureau of Internal Revenue in Washington, D.C., until September 1945.

Married to Phil L. Sheeler on Feb. 28, 1945, in Alexandria, Va., they lived three years in Allen County after marriage and then in May of 1948, moved to Columbia City.

A homemaker, she served as a volunteer at Miller's Merry Manor for 25 years.

She was a charter member of St. John's Lutheran Church, rural Columbia City, it's Lutheran Women's Missionary League, altar guild and was a charter member of St. John's Fellowship Circle.

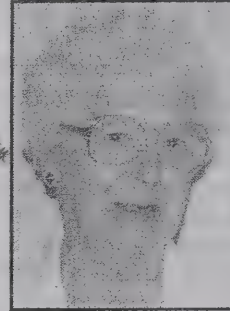
Survivors include a son, Ray (Lois) Sheeler of Dallas, Texas; two daughters, Susan (Ted) Smith of Bluffton, and Carla Emig of Louisville, Ky.; a daughter-in-law, Cheryl Sheeler of Auburn; nine grandchildren; a great-grandchild; and a sister, Imogene (Paul) Parrish of Enon, Ohio.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Phil Sheeler; a son, Gary L. Sheeler; a grandson, and two brothers, Carl and Clyde Kraemer.

Visitation is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 9, at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Dr., in Columbia City. The funeral service is at 10:30 a.m. Monday at St. John's Lutheran Church, Columbia City, with Pastor David Mommens officiating. Burial is at St. Peter's Lutheran Cemetery, Columbia City.

Memorial bequests may be given in Mrs. Sheeler's memory to St. John's Lutheran Church or the Church Building Fund. Envelopes are available at the funeral home.

To send condolences to the family, sign the guest register or to light a memorial candle in Mrs. Sheeler's memory, please visit www.demoneygrimes.com.



Sheeler

Donald E. Myer, 93

Oct. 31, 1911 - October 7, 2005

Donald E. Myer, 93, died at 12:01 a.m. Friday, Oct. 7, 2005, at Timbercrest Healthcare Center in North Manchester.

Born Oct. 31, 1911 in Carroll County, he was a son of Fred and Cora (Eikenberry) Myer.



Myer

After graduating from Flora High School in 1930, he attended Manchester College. He received his two-year normal degree in 1932 and his B.S. in 1939. He later received a M.S. in 1950 from Butler University.

He married Geraldine Clingenpeel Dec. 29, 1937. They remained together until her death on May 10, 1987. A resident of Timbercrest Retirement Home in North Manchester since 1989, he previously lived in Kokomo for 44 years.

He taught public school for 43 years. The last 32 years of his teaching career, he taught in the Kokomo-Center Schools. He also taught in Fulton, Steubon and Whitley counties. Along with teaching academics, he also taught instrumental music and band. He also served as a principal, athletic coach and All City Band director.

He was a member of the Manchester Church of the Brethren since 1987. He had been a member of the Kokomo Church of the Brethren for 44 years. He taught Sunday School classes there for many years. He was a deacon and served as chairman of the deacons many times.

He was a member of the Manchester Kiwanis Club since 1987. Previously he was a member of the Kokomo Metropolitan Kiwanis Club, where he served as president in 1965. He was a member of the Wabash County Retired Teachers Association and the Manchester College Alumni Association.

He was also a member of the North Manchester Historical Society and Shepherd's Center. He was chairman of the Howard Co. Heifer International from 1974-1987. He was inducted into the Phi Delta Kappa Education Fraternity in 1959 and became a member of the meritis status in 1979.

He and his wife delivered "Meals on Wheels." After moving to Timbercrest, he had been very active on the resident council for seven-and-a-half years and served as president of the council for five years.

Melzer service

Chaplain Karen Kosberg officiated at the funeral service for Lydia H. Melzer, 88, on Thursday, Oct. 6, 2005, at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home in Columbia City.

Organist Evelyn Stemen included "Prelude in G Minor," "The Great Gates of Kiev," "How Firm a Foundation" and "The Lord is My Shepherd" as prelude, with "Beer Barrel Polka," at Mrs. Melzer's request, as postlude. A video celebrating the life of Lydia was shared before family and friends were dismissed to the Angel of Hope Memorial Garden for a bird of peace ceremony.

Casketbearers were Clint Gharib, Brad Wheeler, Bob McKowen and Frank Haughet. Burial was at Thorn Cemetery, Ormas.

Mrs. Melzer, mother of Sharon Gharib, died Sunday, Oct. 2.

He is survived by two sons, Ronald C. (Nancy) Myer of Columbia City and James D. Myer of North Manchester; a daughter, Donna Jeanne Myer of Marion, four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and wife.

Services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Monday, Oct. 10 at Manchester Church of the Brethren, 1306 N. Bookley St. in North Manchester with Pastor Kurt Borgmann, Rev. Ron Petry and Chaplin Joan Deeter officiating. Calling will be one hour prior to the service at the church.

The committal service will be 2 p.m. Monday at Burlington Cemetery in Burlington. Friends and family are invited to call 2 to 6 p.m. Sunday at Timbercrest Retirement Community Chapel, 2201 East St. in North Manchester.

Memorial contributions can be made to Heifer International. Envelopes will be available at the calling and service. Stout & Son Funeral Home of Russiaville is in charge of arrangements.

Jerry A. Gramelspacher, 53

July 31, 1952 - Oct. 6, 2005

Jerry A. Gramelspacher, 53, of LaPorte, died at 8:45 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 6, 2005, at his residence. He had been in failing health for the past year.

He was born July 31, 1952, in Fort Wayne, a son of Paul and Jacquelyn (Boggs) Gramelspacher. His formative years were spent in Fort Wayne, and he graduated from South Side High School.

He was employed at Boilermakers Local 374 in Hammond for the past 25 years.

On July 12, 1982, he was united in marriage to Sally Ann Morningstar. They made their first home in Three Oaks, Mich. In August 1996 they moved to their present home in LaPorte.

Surviving relatives include his wife, Sally; a son, Brandon Dinse of Coldwater, Mich.; a former daughter-in-law, Jackie (Norman) Doud of Columbia City; a sister, Rosemarie Boardman of Holland, Mich.; a half-brother, Donald Gramelspacher of Fort Wayne; an uncle, Larry Boggs of Thomasville, Georgia; a mother-in-law, Sarah Morningstar of New Haven; a father-in-law, William Morningstar of Auburn; a grandson; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father.

The funeral service will be held at 10 a.m., Monday, Oct. 10 at Smith & Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City with Pastor Bradford Payne officiating. The burial will be at Eel River Cemetery in Churubusco. The visitation will be from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 pm. Sunday at the funeral home.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to First Baptist Church. Condolences may be sent to www.smithandsonsfuneralhome.com.

Neidigh service

Pastor Paul Arnold officiated at the funeral service for Frank A. Neidigh, 72, on Saturday, Oct. 1, 2005, at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home in Columbia City.

The organ prelude by Evelyn Stemen included "Great Is Thy Faithfulness," "Blessed Assurance," "Hymn of Promise" and "Beautiful Savior," with "At the End of the Road" as postlude. A video celebrating the life of Frank was shared before family and friends were dismissed to the Angel of Hope Memorial Garden for a bird of peace ceremony.

Casketbearers were Jeff Harker, Michael Gilbert, Kevin Gray, Christian Maslowski, Andrew Miller, Erek Tilbur and Randy Bockelman. Honorary bearers were Bob Phillips, Jim Fleck and Roy Fights. Burial was at Oak Grove Cemetery, Columbia City.

Mr. Neidigh, husband of Shirley L. Neidigh and father of Michael, Charles and Brian Neidigh and Deidre Bockelman, died Wednesday, Sept. 28.

Hile service

The funeral service for Verlin G. Hile, 70, was Wednesday, Oct. 3, 2005, at Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City, with Pastor Donald Poyser officiating. Laura Hile, a daughter, shared personal reflections.

Selections played during the prelude and postlude included "Love Until the End of Time," "You'll Never Walk Alone" and "Swan Lake."

The committal service followed at Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam. Casketbearers were Zach Hile, Jordan Hile, Kim Wheeler, Jerry Parnell, Steve Rogers and David Walker. Don Rondeau served as honorary bearer.

The Columbia City Lodge 189 Free & Accepted Masons presented a service on Tuesday evening at the funeral home. Renel Alarie served as worshipful master and Gene Rohrer served as chaplain. Others participating were Harrison Harker, DeWayne Lane, Jerry Yagel, John Coleman, James Gambrell, Kirk Little, Kent Jackson, Barry Truman, Jim Kyler, Brian Kyler, Thomas Goss and Thomas Trier.

Mr. Hile, husband of Gladith G. (Knafel) Thurston Hile, and father of Laura Hile and Matt (Melissa) Hile, died Monday, Oct. 3.

Reilly service

The funeral service for Grant Robert Reilly, 19, was Thursday morning, Oct. 6, 2005, at Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City, with the Rev. Barry Faucett, pastor of New Hope Wesleyan Church, officiating. Reflections were shared by Rachel O'Brien, Andrew Driscoll and Adrienne Ballinger.

Selections played during the prelude and postlude included "Heaven," "You Raise Me Up," "In My Life," "His Eye Is On The Sparrow," "Press On" and "Danny Boy."

The committal service followed at Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam. Casketbearers were Brandt Douglas, Andy Douglas, Brad Malcolm, Corey Waldron, Shawn Waldron, Corey Parker, Shane Leazier, James Sosh, Greg Zickgraf, John Ehler, Justin Gidman and Lance Duckwell.

Mr. Reilly, son of Anita (Douglas) Driscoll and Robert (Sarah) Reilly, and brother of Lance Corporal Lyon T. Reilly, Andrew (Rachael) Driscoll, Robert (Lindy) Johnson, Noelani (Brian) Stephens, Brooke (Thomas Martinez)

Driscoll, Danielle (Matthew) Hull and Callie Johnson, died Sunday, Oct. 2.

Fahl service

Pastor Phil Blake officiated at the funeral service for Thomas L. Fahl, 63, on Friday, Oct.

7, 2005, at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home in Columbia City.

Music included recorded selections of "Amazing Grace," "You'll Never Walk Alone" and "On Eagles Wings." A eulogy written by Robert E. Fahl, a brother, was read by Pastor Blake. A video celebrating the life of Thomas was shared before family and friends were dismissed to the Angel of Hope Memorial Garden for a bird release.

Casketbearers were Leatherneck Coffee Club members and Frank Fahl, with Phil Hosler as honorary bearer. Burial was at South Park (Annex) Cemetery, Columbia City.

Mr. Fahl, husband of Cindy E. Fahl and father of Chris and Carson Fahl, died Tuesday, Oct. 4.

Gramelspacher service

The funeral service for Jerry Alan Gramelspacher, 53, was Monday morning, Oct. 10, 2005, at Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City, with Pastor Bradford Payne officiating.

Selections played during the prelude and postlude included "On Every Street" by Dire Straits, "Cowboy Take Me Away" by Dixie Chicks, "I Wanna Be" and "I'm Gonna Love You" by B.B. King and Eric Clapton, and "He Went to Paris" by Jimmy Buffet.

The committal service followed at Eel River Cemetery, Churubusco. Casketbearers were Laban Cook Zach Koontz, Ben Koontz, Greg Schenkel, Jerry Vandever and Josh Crooks.

Mr. Gramelspacher, husband of Sally A. (Morningstar) Gramelspacher and son of Jackie (Norman) Doud and the late Paul Gramelspacher, died Thursday, Oct. 6.

Guerin service

The funeral service for Blanche L. Guerin, 76, was Saturday morning, Oct. 8, 2005, at Smith and Sons Miller Chapel in South Whitley, with Pastor Tim J. Erlandson officiating.

Beverly Hearld provided the organ prelude and postlude including "The Old Rugged Cross," "Just As I Am," "Just A Closer Walk With Thee," "Softly and Tenderly" and "Amazing Grace." Julie Erlandson sang "It Is Well With My Soul" and "In the Garden" during the service.

The committal service followed at Covington Memorial Gardens, Fort Wayne. Casketbearers were Jason Kethcart, Landon Ternet, Richard Csee, David Csee, Darrell Ray Guerin, Ryan Meyer and Justin Vigar.

Mrs. Guerin, widow of Francis M. Guerin, and mother of Alva Wayne Guerin, Francis Darrell (Jenny) Guerin, Keith Marshall (Mary) Guerin, Martin James Guerin, Sheila (Rod) Shepherd, Sharon (Doug) Shearer, Phyllis Vigar, Debra (Henry) Born and Teresa (Jim) Galloway, died Tuesday, Oct. 4.

Joyce Ann Maldeney, 60

Sept. 9, 1945 - Oct. 11, 2005

Joyce Ann Maldeney, 60, of Fort Wayne, died at 3:24 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 11, 2005, at Lutheran Hospital. Her death was unexpected, following a brief illness.

Born on Sept. 9, 1945, in Kosciusko County, she was a daughter of Treverse W.J. and Lela R. (Culp) Hull.

She was married to Maurice (Mort) Maldeney on Aug. 21, 1965 in Columbia City.

A self-employed daycare provider for 20 years, one of her enjoyments in life was doing crafts. She was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, Hessen Cassel and was an active Allen County 4-H leader for 25 years.

Survivors include her husband, Mort; a son, Mark (Rhonda) Maldeney of Decatur; a daughter, Jean (Chris) Kendall of Hoagland; a sister, Grace (Robert) Jenkins of South Whitley; two brothers, Harold (Marilyn) Hull of South Whitley and Harlan (Sally) Hull of Columbia City, and three grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a brother, William J. Hull.

The funeral service is at 11 a.m. Friday, Oct. 14, at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Hessen Cassel, with Father Edward Erpelding officiating. Visitation is from 2 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Zwick and Jahn Funeral Home in Decatur, and one hour prior to the service at the church on Friday. Burial is at St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery, Hessen Cassel.

To continue the support Mrs. Maldeney had shown for 4-H, the family requests memorials be given to the Allen County 4-H.

For complete obituary information and to sign the on-line guest book, visit www.zwickjahn.com.

Beeks service

Pastor Penny Mosher officiating at the funeral service for Alan K. Beeks, 53, on Sunday, Oct. 9, 2005, at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home in Columbia City.

Music included recorded selections of traditional hymns. A video celebrating the life of Alan was shared before family and friends were dismissed.

Burial was at Merriam Christian Chapel Cemetery, Noble County.

Mr. Beeks, husband of Susan Beeks and father of Angie Glick, Amy Facè and Alan L. Beeks, died Thursday, Oct. 6 at his home.

Notter service

Pastor Gene Rohrer officiated at the memorial service for Eleanor Louise Notter, 88, on Saturday, Oct. 8, 2005, at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home in Columbia City.

Organist Evelyn Stemen included "In Heavenly Love Abiding," "Hymn of Promise: and "In the Garden" as prelude with "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" as postlude. Vocalist Becky Elonzæ sang "The Lord is My Shepherd." A video celebrating the life of Eleanor was shared before family and friends were dismissed.

Burial is at Riverside Cemetery, Andrews, at a later date.

Ms. Notter, mother of Louis C. and Michael Notter, died Friday, Aug. 12.

Jeffry Richard Decker, MD, 62

Jan. 31, 1943 - Oct. 11, 2005

Jeffry Richard Decker, MD, 62, of rural Columbia City, died at 6:15 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 11, 2005, at his home.

Born in Toledo, Ohio, on Jan. 31, 1943, a son of Richard Glen and Mary Jane (Eichelbaugh) Decker, he was raised in Noble County until 1969, graduating from Wolf Lake High School with the Class of 1961. He worked during high school at his parent's business called Decker Candy Cottage near Wolf Lake.

He married Patsy M. Smith on Aug. 31, 1963, at Zion Lutheran Church in Columbia City.

Entering the U.S. Army at Denver, Colo., he served from 1968 to 1976. He moved to Wheaton, Md., for three months in 1974, and then on to Fort Campbell, Ky., from 1974 to 1976. From there he moved to Blue River Estates in Columbia City and lived there from 1976 to 1983, before moving to his present Noble County farm in 1983.

He graduated from Indiana University with the Class of 1965 and graduated from Indiana University Medical School with the Class of 1969 and served as an intern/resident at Fitzsimon's Army Hospital in Denver from 1969 to 1974. He also completed a pathology course at Walter Reed Hospital during the spring of 1974. He was a dermatologist in Fort Wayne from 1976 until his retirement in 1999, and was also a dermatology consultant at the VA Hospital in Fort Wayne.

His memberships include Zion Lutheran Church in Columbia City, American Medical Association, Indiana State Medical Association, American Academy of Dermatology and Association of Military Dermatologists.

Survivors include his wife, Patsy; two sons, Christopher (Tracy) Decker of Waldorf, Md.; Sean (Ge'onna) Decker of Columbia City; a daughter, Heather Decker of Columbia City; three grandchildren; a sister, Sharon (Wilford) Young of Columbia City; a foster sister, Sheri (Fred) Rawles of Albion, and several nieces and



Decker

nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his step-father, William Jackson, and two sisters, Phyllis and Diane Decker.

Visitation is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 14, at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Dr. in Columbia City. The funeral service is at 10 a.m. Saturday at the funeral home with Pastor James Haugen of Zion Lutheran Church officiating. Graveside military rites will be conducted by American Legion Post 246, Albion, at Lakeview Cemetery, Kendallville.

Memorial bequests may be given in Dr. Decker's memory to Zion Lutheran Church, Easter Seals for Post Polio Syndrome Research or Parkview Home Health and Hospice. Envelopes are available at the funeral home.

To send condolences to the family, sign the guest register or to light a memorial candle in Dr. Decker's memory, please visit www.demoneygrimes.com.

William F. Hilliard, 81

Aug. 14, 1924 - Oct. 11, 2005

William F. Hilliard, 81, a resident of rural Avilla, died at 10:45 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 11, 2005, at Miller's Merry Manor in Columbia City. He had been in declining health for some time and had entered the nursing home in August.



Hilliard

Born on Aug. 14, 1924, in Green Township, Noble County, a son of Ervin and Cecil (Wilson) Bolinger, he was adopted in 1929, by Forrest B. and Mary (Poppy) Hilliard. His formative years were spent in Green Township and he graduated from Albion High School in 1943.

On July 18, 1945, he was married in Uniondale to Audrey J. Addis and spent all of his adult life in Noble County. Mrs. Hilliard died Jan. 4, 1994.

As a young man he was employed at the former J.I. Case Company in Churubusco and worked for more than 25 years at Dana Corporation in Churubusco, retiring as a welder from there in 1988.

He was a member of Churubusco United Methodist Church, Newmar Kountry Klub and Dana Camping Club.

Surviving relatives include two sons, Jay W. (Donna) Hilliard and Dale Hilliard, both of Avilla; three brothers, Paul (Pat) Bolinger of Ellettsville, Glene "Bud" (Joan) Bollinger and Clarence (Ardith) Stinson of Utah; two granddaughters and four great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents and spouse, he was preceded in death by two sons, Gene Hilliard and Mark Hilliard; a sister, Arlene Fredrickson; a half-sister, Lela Pearson; and a half-brother, Francis Bolinger.

The funeral service is at 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 15, at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco, with the Revs. Christine Newman-Jacobs and E. Vaughn Powell officiating. The family will receive friends at the mortuary from 2 to 4 p.m. Friday. Interment is at Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

For those who wish, memorials may be directed to the American Diabetes Association.

Condolences may be e-mailed to the family at sympathy@sheetsandchild.net.

Sheeler service

Pastor David Mommens officiated at the funeral service for C. Bernadine "Bea" Sheeler, 85, on Monday, Oct. 10, 2005, at St. John's Lutheran Church, rural Columbia City.

The organ prelude and postlude included traditional hymns by Marilyn Kerch, with "Lift High the Cross," "I'm But a Stranger Here" and "I Know That My Redeemer Lives" as congregational hymns. A bell duet of "Beautiful Savior" was played by Ruthann Scheumann and Barbara Kyler.

Casketbearers were Tad, Ben and Jon Sheeler, Phillip Smith and Tyler and Adam Emig. Committal service was at St. Peter's Lutheran Cemetery, Columbia City.

Mrs. Sheeler, widow of Phil Sheeler and mother of Ray Sheeler, Susan Smith and Carla Emig, died Wednesday, Oct. 5.

The service was entrusted to DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home in Columbia City.

Zell service

Pastor John Cummings officiated at the funeral service for Shirley Jean Zell, 67, on Monday, Oct. 10, 2005, at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home in Columbia City.

Recorded selections of "Amazing Grace" and "Holes In the Floor of Heaven" accompanied the service.

Casketbearers were Steve Smith, Robert Haire Jr., Bruce Haire, Wayne Haire, John Floyd, Jerry Bobay, Steve Foy and John Smith. Burial was at Lindenwood Cemetery.

Adele Daniel Gross, 88

March 30, 1917 - Oct. 4, 2005

Adele Daniel Gross, 88, died Oct. 4, 2005, in Jacksonville, Fla.

Born in Columbia City on March 30, 1917, a daughter of Lee and Sarah (Lipman) Daniel, she spent her early years in the Columbia City area and attended Wellesley and the University of Wisconsin.

She married Walter Auerbach in Columbia City. After his death she moved to Miami, Fla.

She later married Dr. Alvin Gross of Atlantic Beach.

Survivors include a sister, Marcia Levine of LaPorte, a niece and a nephew and her former husband, Alvin Gross.

Cremation has occurred.

A memorial service will be in Columbia City at a later date.

Donations in her name may be made to the Whitley County Historical Society.

Joyce E. Halter, 60

June 23, 1945 - Oct. 13, 2005

Joyce E. Halter, 60, a resident of Columbia Township, died at 2:47 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 13, 2005, at Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

Born on June 23, 1945, in Williamsport, Pa., a daughter of Robert and Dorothy (Spellenberg) Davis, as a young girl, her family moved to Fort Wayne. She graduated from Central Catholic High School and continued her education at International Business College.

On Nov. 27, 1971, she was united in marriage to Michale J. Halter. They made their home in Fort Wayne until 1988, when they moved to their present home in rural Columbia City.

She was employed at Plymouth Congregational Church in Fort Wayne; Gripco in South Whitley, Crown in Fort Wayne and from 1998 until March 2004 at C.F. Gomina in Columbia City.

She was a life member of V.F.W. Post 5582 Auxiliary and A.A.R.P.

Surviving relatives include her husband, Mike; a son, Joseph (Amy) Halter of San Diego, Calif.; two brothers, James J. Davis and Kevin Davis, both of Dayton, Ohio; and a sister, Kathy Grant of Canton, Ohio.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother Richard Davis.

The funeral service is at 10:30 a.m. Monday, Oct. 17, at Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City, with the Rev. Roberta Ring, chaplain of the Hospice Home, officiating. Burial is at Oak Grove Cemetery. Visitation is from 5 to 7 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to the Hospice Home.

Condolences may be sent to www.smithandsonsfuneralhome.com.



Halter

Dorothy Mae Sloan, 82

May 8, 1923 - Oct. 13, 2005

Dorothy Mae Sloan, 82, a former resident of LaOtto, died early Thursday evening, Oct. 13, 2005, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla, where she had resided since September of 1999.

Born in Greentown on May 8, 1923, a daughter of John Floyd and Rhea (Schafer) Sloan, she had also lived in the areas of Saginaw, Mich., where she graduated from high school; and Marion, prior to moving to LaOtto.

She had lived in the area for about 33 years and was a homemaker who dearly loved taking care of children. She was a member of LaOtto Wesleyan Church.

Survivors include a sister, Ruth Darst of San Diego, Calif., and a brother, Charles (Jean) Sloan of LaOtto; three nieces and three nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a nephew.

The funeral service is at 10:30 a.m. Monday, Oct. 17, at LaOtto Wesleyan Church with Pastor Lois Watkins officiating. A graveside service will be conducted at 3 p.m. Monday at the Kokomo-Zion Cemetery, east of Plevna in Howard County. The family will receive friends from 4 to 8 p.m. Sunday at Sheets and Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco.

For those who wish, memorials may be directed to the LaOtto Wesleyan Church. Envelopes are available at the funeral home.

Condolences may be e-mailed to the family at sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

Mildred A. Puckett, 91

Oct. 1, 1914 - Oct. 14, 2005

Mildred A. Puckett, 91, resident of South Whitley, died at 8:35 p.m. Friday, Oct. 14, 2005, at Parkview Whitley Hospital in Columbia City, where she was admitted on Oct. 6.

Born on Oct. 1, 1914, in Nokomis, Ill., a daughter of Walter and Mary (Marshall) Kettlecamp, she was educated in Millersville and Owaneco, Ill.

On Nov. 11, 1933, she was united in marriage to Lyle Puckett in Shelbyville, Ill. They made their home in Millersville, Pana and Decatur, Ill. In 1940 they moved to Fort Wayne, later moving to Columbia City where they resided for 20 years, retiring to South Whitley in 1986. Mr. Puckett preceded her in death on Dec. 31, 1990.

She was employed at The 30 Club for 21 years.

Surviving relatives include three sons, Ronald (Marian) Puckett of San Ramon, Calif., Dennis (Debbie) Puckett of Merrill, Wis., and Rodger Puckett of Rhododendron, Ore.; a daughter, Patricia Martin of New Port Richey, Fla.; 15 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Gladys Gipson and Florence Puckett, both of Columbia City.

The funeral service is at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 19, at Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City with the Rev. Paul Arnold, pastor of Columbia City United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial is at Oak Grove Cemetery. Visitation is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to Whitley County Council on Aging.

Condolences may be sent to www.smithandsonsfuneralhome.com.



Puckett

Goldie A. Bruch, 86

Dec. 1, 1918 - Oct. 14, 2005

Goldie A. Bruch, 86, a resident of Cleveland Township, died Friday, Oct. 14, 2005, at her home.

Born on Dec. 1, 1918, in Allen County, a daughter of Roy B. and Bessie (Glaw) Gump, her formative years were spent in Allen and Wabash counties. She graduated from Chester High School in North Manchester.

On Dec. 24, 1938, she was married to Foster Bruch and they always made their home in Cleveland Township, Whitley County. Mr. Bruch died Jan. 22, 1994.

She was a member of Liberty Mills Church of the Brethren where she served as church organist. She was active in the Ladies Aid and was a former deaconess.

Surviving relatives include two daughters, Alice (Larry) Nicodemus of South Whitley and Mary (William) Henry of Fort Wayne; five grandchildren; eight step-grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; several step-great-grandchildren; and a brother, Edgar Gump of Littleton, Colo.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by two sons, Jerry Lee Bruch and David Bruch; a grandson and three sisters, Bertha Taylor, Elizabeth Butcher and Carol Bechtold.

The funeral service is at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 18, at Liberty Mills Church of the Brethren, with Pastor Kelly Beutler, church pastor, officiating. Burial is at South Whitley Cemetery. Visitation is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. today at Smith and Sons Miller Chapel in South Whitley.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to the Ladies Aid at Liberty Mills Church of the Brethren.

Condolences may be sent to www.smithandsonsfuneralhome.com.

Olive M. Budrey, 82

Aug. 27, 1923 - Oct. 15, 2005

Olive M. Budrey, 82, a resident of Fort Wayne and formerly of Wilmington, Ohio; died at 5:10 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 15, 2005, at Heritage Park Nursing Home in Fort Wayne. She had been in declining health for some time and had been a

resident at the nursing home for the past two months.

Born in Clinton County, Ohio, on Aug. 27, 1923, a daughter of Miletus and Bessie (Stevens) Speelman, she spent her formative years there and graduated from Adams School in Sligo, Ohio.

As a young woman, she was employed at Ray's Market and Miller's Bakery, both in Wilmington.



Budrey

She was married to Isaac Budrey on Sept. 6, 1949, in Wilmington. The couple spent all of their married lives in Wilmington until moving to Fort Wayne in August. Mr. Budrey preceded her in death on Sept. 25, 2005.

She attended Villars Chapel United Methodist Church near Wilmington and was a member of the Veteran's of Foreign Wars Post 6710 Ladies Auxiliary and the Farmer's and Sportsman's Club Auxiliary in Wilmington.

Survivors include three daughters, Dolores (Ralph) Oltmann of Punta Gorda, Fla.; Camilla (Robert) Pelkington of Angola, and Emeline (Stephen) Detrick of Fort Wayne; a sister, Helen Wells of Wilmington, and two brothers, Harold (Betsy) Speelman of Washington Court House, Ohio, and Paul Speelman of Clarksville, Ohio; several step-grandchildren and step-great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents and spouse, she was preceded in death by a sister, Margaret Winters.

The family will receive friends from 5 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 18, at Sheets and Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco. The funeral service is at 11 a.m. (Ohio time) Friday at Reynolds-Smith Funeral Home in Wilmington, with the Rev. John Foster officiating. Calling hours there are from 3 to 8 p.m. Thursday. Interment is at Sugar Grove Cemetery, Wilmington.

For those who wish, memorials may be directed to the American Cancer Society or to Villars Chapel United Methodist Church.

Condolences may be e-mailed to the family at sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

Dewey Paul Lilly, 75

Dec. 24, 1929 - Oct. 12, 2005

Dewey Paul Lilly, 75, recently moved to Green Bay, Wis., from New Port Richey, Fla., and formerly of Whitewater, Wis., died Wednesday, Oct. 12, 2005, from post-surgical complications.

Born in Page, W. Va. on Dec. 24, 1929, a son of Kelso and Evelyn (Chapman) Lilly, he attended formal schooling through the seventh grade.

He married Laura Janice Darlington on April 29, 1950 in Wriston, W. Va.

He started working in the West Virginia coal mines then moved to Wisconsin in the fall of 1952 to take a job at General Motors in Janesville. He worked there for 31 years and then retired to Florida in November of 1983. He moved to Green Bay in July of this year to live with his daughter, Terrina.

Survivors include four daughters, Lyn

"Louellen" (Daniel) Beighley of Boise, Idaho; Terrina (Gary) Folk of Green Bay, Wis.; Cheryl (Daniel) Watson of Larwill; Dawn (Shawn) Zittlow of Harvard, Ill.; 11 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; three brothers, Kenneth Lilly of Whitewater, Wis.; Frank Lilly of Aripeka, Fla.; and Don Lilly of Spring Hill, Fla.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Laura, his parents, three sisters, Dortha Smith, Frances Wendtland and Thelma Anderson; and two daughters.

Visitation is from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 19, at Nitardy Funeral Home, 1008 Madison Ave., Fort Atkinson, Wis., and from 10 to 11 a.m. Thursday, at Faith Community Church, W5949 Hackbarth Road, Fort Atkinson. Services will follow the Thursday morning visitation at the church. Burial is at Hillside Cemetery in Whitewater, Wis..

In lieu of flowers, cash donations may be sent to Terrina Folk and will be used to continue sponsorship of children through World Vision.

Contributions may be mailed to Terrina Folk, 1169 Chicago St., Green Bay, WI 54301.
www.nitardyfuneralhome.com

Decker service

Pastor James Haugen officiated at the funeral service for Jeffry R. Decker, 62, on Saturday, Oct. 15, 2005, at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Pak Funeral Home.

Organ prelude and postlude included traditional hymns by Mary Kay Miller. A video celebrating the life of Jeffry was shared before family and friends were dismissed to the Angel of Hope Memorial Garden for a bird of peace ceremony.

Graveside military rites were presented by American Legion Post 246 of Albion, with burial at Lakeview Cemetery, Kendallville.

Mr. Decker, a former Fort Wayne dermatologist, and husband of Patsy M. Decker and father of Christopher, Sean and Heather Decker, died Tuesday, Oct. 11, at his home.

Gordon Earl 'Gordy' Barton, 39

March 4, 1966 - Oct. 17, 2005

Gordon Earl "Gordy" Barton, 39, of Vevay, died at 8:42 a.m. Monday, Oct. 17, 2005.

Born on March 4, 1966, in Fort Wayne, a son of Theil M. "Sonny" and Roberta J. (Scudder) Barton, he was a 1984 graduate of Columbia City High School.

He resided in Sedro Wooley, Wash., for seven years and was a meat cutter at the Shank's Meats in Everett, Wash. In 1999, he moved back to Patriot, Ind. and was employed at the DGC Plastics in East Enterprise until it closed in 2004. He worked construction with Richard Scudder until his death.

He enjoyed music, drawing, coin collecting and gardening.

Survivors include his mother, Roberta J. Barton of Patriot; two sisters, Barbara Barrett of Auburn and Julie Coe of Florence, Ky.; three brothers, Daniel Barton of Vevay; Frank Barton of Arcola, and James Barton of Snohomish, Wash.; paternal grandmother, Marjorie Schaefer of North Huntingdon, Pa.; five uncles and five aunts, six nieces and nine nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father.

The funeral service is at 2 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 20, at Haskell & Morrison Funeral Home, 208 Ferry St. in Vevay, with the Rev. Wayne Edwards officiating. Visitation is from noon until time of service Thursday. Burial is at New Liberty Cemetery, East Enterprise.

The family requests memorials in memory of Gordy to the Family of Gordy Barton or the American Heart Association. Contribution cards are available at the funeral home.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.haskellandmorrison.com.

Halter service

The funeral service for Joyce E. Halter, 60, was Monday, Oct. 17, 2005, at Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City, with the Rev. Roberta Ring, chaplain at the Hospice Home in Fort Wayne, officiating.

A variety of hymns were played during the prelude and postlude, including "Amazing Grace."

The committal service followed at Oak Grove Cemetery. Casketbearers were Cory Swagan, Adam Arnold, Matthew Strack, Nathaniel Strack, Jeff Thompson and Steve Tippmann.

Mrs. Halter, wife of Michael J. Halter and mother of Joseph (Amy) Halter, died Thursday, Oct. 13.

Bruch service

The funeral service for Goldie A. Bruch, 86, was Tuesday, Oct. 18, 2005, at Liberty Mills Church of the Brethren, with Pastors Opal Nees and Kelly Beutler officiating.

Arloene Metzger played a variety of hymns during the piano prelude and postlude. Jennie Pyle sang a "Garden Medley" during the service and led the congregational hymns of "Amazing Grace" and "I Will Sing the Wondrous Story."

The committal service followed at South Whitley Cemetery. Casketbearers were Kenny Monce, Bryan Nicodemus, Terry Nicodemus, Steve Nicodemus, Michael Henry, Brandon Monce, Tanner Nicodemus and Colin Nicodemus.

Mrs. Bruch, widow of Foster Bruch and mother of Alice (Larry) Nicodemus, Mary (William) Henry, the late Jerry Lee Bruch and the late David Bruch, died Friday, Oct. 14.

Donald Eugene Cordill, 73

Feb. 4, 1932 - Oct. 17, 2005

Donald Eugene Cordill, 73, of Columbia City, died at 9:25 a.m. Monday, Oct. 17, 2005, at Kosciusko Community Hospital in Warsaw.

Born on Feb. 4, 1932 a son of James and Ruth (Stafford) Cordill, he attended school in South Whitley. He lived in North Manchester and Indianapolis.

He was united in marriage to Bonnie Jean Carter on May 2, 1991, in Columbia City.

He worked for 20 years at Essex Wire in Columbia City and was a member of Columbia City Eagles Lodge 1906.

Survivors include his wife, Bonnie Jean; a son, David (Mary Ann) Cordill of North Manchester; a daughter, Donna Ogans of Dickens, Texas; two step-sons, Brent and Kent Davis; a step-daughter, Kitty Thompson; eight grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; four step-grandchildren; four step-great-grandchildren; three sisters, Judy Stouder of Tampa, Fla.; Sereta Cross of Lawrenceburg, and Sue Eakright of North Manchester; two brothers, Charles Cordill of Roanoke, and Max (Pauline) Cordill of North Manchester.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a son, Dale Cordill, and two brothers, William and Elmer Cordill.

A memorial service is at 11 a.m. Saturday at Congregational Christian Church, 310 N. Walnut St. in North Manchester, with Pastor J.P. Freeman officiating. Interment will be private.

Memorial bequests may be given in Mr. Cordill's memory to the American Diabetes Association.

Arrangements were entrusted to DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home in Columbia City.

To send condolences to the family, sign the guest register or to light a memorial candle in Mr. Cordill's memory, please visit

www.demoneygrimes.com.

Juanita M. Brandenburg, 88

July 9, 1917 - Oct. 18, 2005

Juanita M. Brandenburg, 88, a former Larwill resident and most recently of Columbia City, died at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 18, 2005, at

The Oaks Living Care Center in Columbia City.

Born in Lucerne, White County, on July 9, 1917, she was a daughter of John Anthony Wayne and Lucretia (Caley) Grant. Her family moved from Lucerne, a small town near Royal Center, to Fremont, Mich., when she was five years old. She was educated in the public schools of Fremont, graduating from Fremont High School. She lived in Fremont until 1936, when she went to Muskegon, Mich., where she lived until moving to Larwill in 1945.

She married Paul Revere Brandenburg, native of Silver Lake, on Oct. 30, 1945, in Muskegon. She moved to Columbia City from Larwill following the death of her husband in 1986.

She retired in January of 1982 from the Larwill School where she was a cook for many years.

A member of the former Larwill United Methodist Church, she was a former president and vice president of the Larwill United Methodist Women, Columbia City VFW Auxiliary and American Legion Auxiliary and the 1917 Club, in which she served as the national 1917 Club newsletter writer.

Survivors include two daughters, Lynn E. (Michael) Todd of Columbia City, and Lou Ann (Jan) Winterrowd of South Whitley; five grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by a sister, Augusta Grant; three brothers, Wayne, Arthur and Charles Grant; and a granddaughter.

Visitation is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 21, at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home., 600 Countryside Dr. in Columbia City. The funeral service is at 10 a.m. Saturday at the funeral home with Pastor Gene Rohrer, of Oak Grove United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial is at South Whitley Cemetery in South Whitley.



Brandenburg

Donna L. Daniel, 69

Sept. 22, 1936 - Oct. 14, 2005

Donna L. Daniel, 69, of Fremont, died at 7:48 a.m. Friday, Oct. 14, 2005, at her home.

Born in Charlestown, Pa., on Sept. 22, 1936, a daughter of Pearl Evelyn (Boring) and Donald Van Scoyoc, she grew up in Pennsylvania and graduated from Pennsylvania High School. She moved to California when she was 18 and lived there for 15 years, then moved to Florida for eight years before moving to the Fremont area.

Her first husband was Lowell Kirk, and her second husband was Charlie Daniel.

She worked at her home as a babysitter and for a physical therapy billing office in Fort Wayne. She was a member of Leticia, Fremont, and Jehovah's Witness, Angola.

Survivors include three daughters, Toya (Sydney) Syndram of Larwill; Kathleen Peterson of Big Pine, Fla.; Traci (Michael) Lamm of Oxnard, Calif.; a foster son, Terry Shaw of Fremont; six grandchildren; two sisters, Ruth and Sara; and a brother, Donald "Jugg."

She was preceded in death by her parents and both husbands.

No visitation or service is scheduled.

Memorial bequests may be given in Mrs. Daniel's memory to the donor's choice. Envelopes are available at the funeral home.

To send condolences to the family, sign the guest register or to light a memorial candle in Mrs. Daniel's memory, visit www.demoneygrimes.com.

Arrangements are by DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home in Columbia City.

Memorial bequest may be given in Mrs. Brandenburg's memory to the donor's choice. Envelopes are available at the funeral home.

To send condolences to the family, sign the guest register or to light a memorial candle in Mrs. Brandenburg's memory, visit www.demoneygrimes.com.

Robert J. Schilling, 80

Dec. 22, 1924 - Oct. 29, 2005

Robert J. Schilling, 80, died Wednesday, Oct. 19, 2005, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville following an illness since June.

Born in Fort Wayne on Dec. 22, 1924, a son of Alphonse Henry and Mrytella (Lynch) Schilling, he attended South Side High School.



He joined the U.S. Army during World War II and served in the China, Burma and India Theatres.

His marriage was to Esta Joyce Springer on Oct. 22, 1949, in St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Fort Wayne.

A construction superintendent with Schinner & Trumper contractors in Fort Wayne, he also was employed with Billy Schinkel and Dietrich Acoustics. In earlier years he was a self-employed home builder co-owning Haugk & Schilling Construction.

He was a member of the Carpenter's Union Local 232 since 1950.

An avid golfer, he was a member of American Legion Post 381 in Rome City and VFW Post 2749 in Kendallville.

Mr. Schilling served faithfully as an usher at St. Gaspar's Catholic Church in Rome City where he was a parish member.

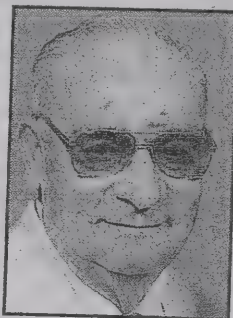
Survivors include his wife, Esta Joyce of Rome City; a son, Mark (Christina) Schilling of

Columbia City; a daughter, Debra A. Schilling of Kendallville; five grandchildren; and a sister, June M. Waddell of San Diego, Calif.

Visitation is from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 21, at Hite Funeral Home, 403 South Main St., Kendallville. Funeral mass is at 10 a.m. Saturday at St. Gaspar's Catholic Church in Rome City, with visitation one hour prior. Officiating the mass will be Father Matt Jozefiak. Burial is at St. Gaspar's Catholic Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to masses.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.



Schilling

Puckett service

The funeral service for Mildred A. Puckett, 91, was Wednesday, Oct. 19, 2005, at Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City, with the Rev. Paul Arnold, pastor of Columbia City United Methodist Church, officiating.

A variety of hymns were played during the prelude and postlude including "How Great Thou Art," "The Old Rugged Cross," "In the Garden," and "The Lord's Prayer." Daniel Lee Martin, accompanied by Ben Kelly, played guitar and sang "Amazing Grace."

The committal service followed at Oak Grove Cemetery. Grandsons serving as casketbearers were Rick Puckett, Ron Puckett, Randy Puckett, David Puckett, Dan Puckett, Daniel Martin and Dennis Martin.

Mrs. Puckett, widow of Lyle Puckett and mother of Ronald (Marian) Puckett, Patricia Martin, Dennis (Debbie) Puckett and Rodger Puckett, died Friday, Oct. 14.

C. Howard Youngblood, 88

April 3, 1917 - Oct. 20, 2005

C. Howard Youngblood, 88, of Village Oaks in Fort Wayne, died at 9 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 20, 2005, at his home.

Born on April 3, 1917, a son of Clovis and Lula Jane (Taylor) Youngblood, he grew up in southern Indiana and graduated from Odon High School with the Class of 1934. He also attended Indiana Central College, graduating with a bachelor of science degree and received a master's degree from Indiana University.

Mr. Youngblood taught at Wolf Lake School in 1939, and after serving in the U.S. Army during World War II for five years, he then moved to Columbia City in 1946.

He married Mary Catherine Trimmer on Aug. 10, 1943, in Lincolnville.

His memberships included Columbia City United Methodist Church, Whitley County

Retired Teachers Association and American Legion Post 98, Columbia City. He was a former member of the Columbia City Kiwanis Club where he earned 25 years of perfect attendance, Phi Delta Kappa and was a former member and past president of the Indiana Association of Elementary School Principals, District IV.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Catherine; two daughters, Becky Youngblood of Clio, Mich., and Jean (Michael) Talbott of Fort Wayne; and two grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a sister, Anna Marie Youngblood, and two brothers, Charles Robert Youngblood and the Rev. Russell H. Youngblood.

Visitation is from 2 to 5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 22, and one hour prior to the service Sunday at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Dr. in Columbia City. The funeral service is at 1 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home with Pastor Paul Arnold officiating. Burial is at Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

Memorial bequests may be given in Mr. Youngblood's memory to Columbia City United Methodist Church or American Diabetes Association. Envelopes are available at the funeral home.

To send condolences to the family, sign the guest register or to light a memorial candle in Mr. Youngblood's memory, visit www.demoneygrimes.com.



Youngblood

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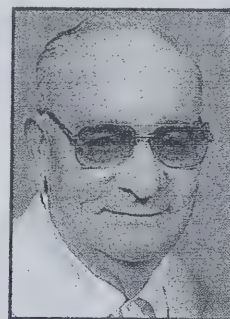
Mr. Schilling served faithfully as an usher at St. Gaspar's Catholic Church in Rome City where he was a parish member.

Survivors include his wife, Esta Joyce of Rome City; a son, Mark (Christina) Schilling of Columbia City; a daughter, Debra A. Schilling of Kendallville; five grandchildren; and a sister, June M. Waddell of San Diego, Calif.

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Memorials may be made to masses.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.



Schilling

Robert Paul Meyer, 63

July 11, 1942 - Oct. 19, 2005

Robert Paul Meyer, 63, of Columbia City, died at 1:36 a.m., Wednesday, Oct. 19, 2005, at the Veteran's Administration Medical Center in Indianapolis.

Born in Fort Wayne on July 11, 1942, a son of Oscar and Thelma (Sparks) Meyer, he graduated from North Side High School in Fort Wayne with the Class of 1960. He graduated from business college also.

He served with the United State Air Force from 1960 to 1964.

He was married to Maurine Evelyn (Bennett) Ressler on May 30, 2004, in Gunnison, Colo.

A former resident of Sargents, Colo., he lived in Columbia City since May 2005.

Employed at Gunnison Valley Hospital in hospital administration, he was an active member of Jaycees, Elks and Order of Moose in Colorado Springs and Gunnison and Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church in Gunnison,

He was president of the six-state Region 8 Consumer Credit Association in the 1970s.

An avid outdoorsman, he enjoyed four-wheeling, elk and deer hunting.

Survivors include his wife Maurine; a son, Kurt (Norma) Meyer of Gresham, Ore.; a daughter, Laura (Evan) Lukassen of Gunnison, Colo.; two step-sons, Phillip (Penny) Huffman of Fort Wayne, and Matthew Huffman of Bluffton; three step-daughters, Jo Ellen (Robert) Roque of San Antonio, Texas; Terri (Jerry) Pohler of Indianapolis; and Lauri Shultz of Fort Wayne; three grandchildren and nine step-grandchildren; and a sister, Sue Ann (Arnold) Allen of Grand Junction, Colo.

He was preceded in death by his parents and step-father.



Meyer

At the request of Mr. Meyer, there is no visitation. A memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 23, at Zion Lutheran Church, 101 East North St., with Pastor James Haugen officiating. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the staff of DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home in Columbia City.

Memorials may be given in memory of Mr. Meyer to Camp Lutherhaven, Albion. Envelopes are available at the funeral home. To send family condolences, sign the guest register book, or light a candle in memory of Mr. Meyer, visit www.demoneygrimes.com.

Vernagene Mae Wince, 86

Jan. 31, 1919 - Oct. 20, 2005

Vernagene Mae Wince, 86, of Columbia City, died at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 20, 2005, at Miller's Merry Manor in Columbia City.

Born in Elkhart on Jan. 31, 1919, she was a daughter of Arthur S. and Anetia (Clark) Billings.

She was united in marriage to Porter S. Wince on Oct. 8, 1938, in Roseland.

A resident of Whitley County since 1939, she worked at Blue Bell as an industrial seamstress for 15 years and also worked at the Fabric Center, sewing clothes and draperies for many years.

She was a past Noble Grand of Rebekahs.

Survivors include two daughters, Deloris

(Richard) Duff and Barbara (Larry) Born, both of Columbia City; five brothers, Arthur "Bud" Billings of Hesperia, Mich.; Evan Billings of Sister Lakes, Mich.; Leon Billings of Dowagiac, Mich.; Russell Billings of Fremont, Mich., and Carroll Billings of Eau Clair, Mich.; a sister, Verda Hanson of Muskegon, Mich.; 12 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren, and eight step-great-grandchildren.



Wince

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; a daughter, Sandra Crawford; five brothers, James Otis, George Arthur, Arthur Eugene, Allen and Lynn Billings; two step-brothers, Tom and Bill Firestone; a sister, Donna Graziano; two step-sisters, Jean Anderson and Alice Kanefly, and a great-grandson.

Visitation is from 4 to 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 22, at DeMoney Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Dr. in Columbia City. The funeral service is at 2 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home with Pastor John Cummings of Community Bible Church officiating. Burial is at Jefferson Chapel (Sand Bank) Cemetery, Columbia City.

Memorial bequests may be given in Mrs. Wince's memory to Parkview Home Health & Hospice of Whitley County, or B.A.B.E. of Whitley County. Envelopes are available at the funeral home.

To send condolences to the family, sign the guest register or to light a memorial candle in Mrs. Wince's memory, visit www.demoneygrimes.com.

Earl Wayne Daily, 64

July 26, 1941 - Oct. 18, 2005

Earl Wayne Daily, 64, died Tuesday, Oct. 18, 2005, at Harrison County Hospital in Corydon.

A native of Harrison County, he was born on July 26, 1941, a son of Orlo Hibbs and Effie Ruth (Daily) Hibbs.

A retired auctioneer, he was employed as a bus driver for the South Harrison School Corporation. He was proprietor of E&D Concessions and was a member of Fountain United Methodist Church.

Survivors include his wife, the former Shirley A. Kintner; daughters, Donna A. Daily of Corydon; Jennifer M. Daily of Louisville, and Kathryn E. Daily of Corydon; his father and step-mother, Orlo and Josephine Hibbs of Columbia City; sisters, Carol Macy of Columbia City, and Wilma (Sis) Franks of Corydon; brothers, Paul Daily and Frank Hibbs, both of Columbia City; and a granddaughter.

He was preceded in death by his mother.

The funeral service is 11 a.m. today at Beanblossom-Cesar Funeral Home in Corydon with the Rev. Ron Russell officiating.

Casketbearers are Wayne Miller, Howard Sibert, Clark Hardsaw, Paul Barks, Jerry Reed, David Phipps, Chad Windell and Larry Stratton.

The family requests that expressions of sympathy be made to the American Diabetes Association.

Geraldine Marjorie Balser, 81

Aug. 8, 1924 - Oct. 21, 2005

Geraldine Marjorie Balser, 81, a former resident of Elkhart, died at 5:45 p.m. Friday, Oct. 21, 2005, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne where she was admitted earlier in the day.

Born on Aug. 8, 1924, in Glen Jean, W. Va., a daughter of Alfred B. and Minnie F. (Mahoney) Hall, her formative years were spent in West Virginia and she graduated from East Bank High School.



Balser

On Nov. 21, 1948, she was united in marriage to Johnnie H. Balser. They made their home in West Virginia until 1966 when they moved to Elkhart. Mr. Balser died Dec. 7, 2004.

She was employed at JC Penney and later assisted her husband in the operation of Johnny's Jewelry Store in Elkhart from 1970 until their retirement in 1997.

She was a member of Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses and was a Bible education volunteer for many years in Elkhart.

Surviving relatives include a daughter, Sandra (Thomas) McClung of Hico, W. Va.; three sons, James (Lynn) Balser of Mount Carbon, W. Va.; Wayne (Kathy) Balser of South Haven, Mich., and Michael (Kim) Balser of South Whitley; seven grandchildren; five great-grandchildren, and a sister, Nina Clark of West Virginia.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by five brothers, Mike Hall, Byrd Hall, Samuel Hall, Homer Hall and Lawrence Hall; and four sisters, Mae Hall, Mary Beverly, Iva Hall and Ruth Hall.

The funeral service was at 11 a.m. today at Columbia City Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, 500 North Oak St. Burial was at South Park Cemetery. Visitation was Sunday at Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to Jehovah's Witnesses or Alzheimer's Association.

Condolences may be sent to www.smithandsonsfuneralhome.com.

Marjorie L. Johnson, 80

Nov. 29, 1924 - Oct. 22, 2005

Marjorie L. Johnson, 80, died at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 22, 2005, at Community Hospital in Anderson where she was admitted on Oct. 3.

Born on Nov. 29, 1924, in Auburn, a daughter of Hugh and Mary Bell (Snyder) Robbins, her formative years were spent in Auburn.



Johnson

On June 1, 1946, she was united in marriage to Ross Eugene Johnson Sr. They made their home in Auburn, Garrett, Waterloo, Cromwell, Churubusco and Pierceton for 15 years and Columbia City for five years. After Mr. Johnson died on Dec. 12, 1988, she moved to South Whitley and later to Jasonville, Brazil and finally Anderson.

She was employed at Blue Bell for 10 years and retired from Essex with many years of service.

Survivors include four sons, Howard (Michele) Johnson of Columbia City; Ross (Michelle) Johnson of California; James (Teresa) Galloway of South Whitley, and Ricky (Rebecca) Johnson of Ligonier; two daughters, Truly Wolfe of Waterloo, and Zarada (Ken) Brockway of Anderson; 23 grandchildren; many great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren, and a brother, Wilbur Robbins of Auburn.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by a daughter, Valencia A. Galloway; a son, Terry Johnson; six brothers and three sisters.

The funeral service is at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 26, at Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City, with the Rev. J. Phillip Blake officiating. Burial is at Tamarack Cemetery in Auburn. Visitation is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to Riley Children's Hospital.

Condolences may be sent to www.smithandsonsfuneralhome.com.

Bernard Eugene Kiser, 59

Nov. 7, 1945 - Oct. 22, 2005

Bernard Eugene Kiser, 59, of Pierceton, died at 1:55 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 22, 2005, at his residence.

Born on Nov. 7, 1945, in Warsaw, he was a son of Lewis E. and Doris M. (Smith) Kiser.

He was married to Janet L. Nelson on June 16, 1979, in Wheaton, Ill.

A lifetime resident, he resided at the same address for 24 years. He was a truck driver for Elliott Trucking Co., Warsaw and was a member

of Pierceton United Methodist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Janet; four sons, Andy L. Kiser and Bryan E. (Angel) Kiser, both of Warsaw; David N. Kiser, and Scott A. Kiser, both of Pierceton; a daughter, Elizabeth R. Kiser of Warsaw; two brothers, Gerald (Mary Lou) Kiser of Clunette and Dean (Pam) Kiser of Goshen; a sister, Marsha (Donald Wayne) Huffman of Pierceton, four grandchildren, and a sister-in-law, Donna Kiser of North Webster.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother and a granddaughter.

The funeral service is at 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 5, at Pierceton United Methodist Church with Pastor Duane Kline officiating. There are no scheduled calling hours. Burial is at Oakwood Cemetery in Warsaw.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to Kosciusko Home Health Care & Hospice, 920 Provident Rd., Warsaw, 46580; Pierceton United Methodist Church, 502 N. First St., Pierceton, or Center of Hope Cancer Fund, K21 Foundation, 117 W. Center St., Warsaw.

Arrangements are by McHatton-Sadler Funeral Chapel, 2290 Provident Court, Warsaw.

Mary D. Fisher, 78

Oct. 8, 1927 - Oct. 21, 2005

Mary D. Fisher, 78, a resident of Cleveland

Township, died at 11:52 p.m. Friday, Oct. 21, 2005, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne where she was admitted on Oct. 10.

Born on Oct. 8, 1927, in Cleveland Township, Whitley County, a daughter of Roy and Ruth (Rupley) Emley, her formative years were spent in Huntington County and she was educated in the Bippus School.

In June 1945, she was united in marriage to Wilbert J. Snyder. They made their home in Huntington County and Aboite Township, Allen County until the mid-1960s, when they moved to Cleveland Township. Mr. Snyder died Feb. 6, 1976.

She was employed as a nurse's aide at Whitey County Memorial Hospital from August 1972 until 1983.

On Feb. 14, 1982, she was united in marriage to Charles J. Fisher and they always made their home in Cleveland Township.

She was a member of Sugar Creek Church of the Brethren.

Survivors include her husband, Charles; three daughters, Betty (Bill) Mallory of North Manchester; Helen Buuck of Convoy, Ohio, and Kay Cook of Wabash; a son, Robert (LeeAnn) Snyder of South Whitley; two step-daughters, Janet Marur of Wabash and Becky (Fred) Mock of Syracuse; nine grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; two step-great-grandchildren; and a sister, Barbara James of Clarksville, Tenn.

In addition to her first husband, she was preceded in death by a granddaughter; a sister, Clara Ann Geist; and two brothers, Joe Emley and Henry Emley.

A memorial service is at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 25, at Smith and Sons Miller Chapel in South Whitley. The family will receive friends from 4 to 7 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to Cleveland Clinic Peripheral Neuropathy Department of Crohn's Foundation.

Condolences may be sent to www.smithandsonsfuneralhome.com.

Luella Poffenberger McCullough, 85

Dec. 28, 1920 - Oct. 24, 2005

Luella Poffenberger McCullough, 85, a resident of Columbia City, died at 3 a.m. Monday, Oct. 24, 2005, at Miller's Merry Manor in Columbia City, where she had been a resident since October 2003.

Born on June 28, 1920, in DeKalb County, a daughter of Glen and Zila (Schwartz) Romine, her formative years were spent in DeKalb County and she graduated from Sencerville High School.



McCullough

On June 12, 1937, she was united in marriage to John Poffenberger. They made their home in DeKalb County until 1946, when they moved to Fort Wayne. Mr. Poffenberger died in 1972.

In June of 1973, she was united in marriage to Alvin McCullough. They made their home in Fort Wayne, later moving to Warsaw where they resided for 10 years. After Mr. McCullough died in 1986, she returned to Fort Wayne until 1991, when she moved to Columbia City.

She was employed at the Wayne Township Justice's Office, Allen County License Bureau and retired from the Allen County Highway Department.

Her church affiliation was with the Columbia City Church of the Nazarene.

Surviving relatives include a son, John (Barbara) Poffenberger of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Judy (Ray) Esterline of Columbia City; six grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; a great-great-great-grandson; four sisters, Virginia Stout of Utah; Lois Sutton of Wabash; Peggy Ann Johnson of Nebraska; and Jean Gilbertson of Auburn; two brothers, Billie Romine of Columbia City, and Michael Romine of Auburn; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; step-brother, Virginia Romine; three sisters, Betty Caham, Mary Jo Haupt and Karla Romine; and a brother, Donald "Red" Romine.

The funeral service is at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 26, at Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City, with the Rev. Tim Kumfer, pastor of Big Lake Church of God, officiating. Visitation is from 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. The committal service is at 11 a.m. Thursday at Prairie Grove Cemetery in Ayndale.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Association or Activities Department at Miller's Merry Manor.

Terry Alan Anderson, 59

Dec. 14, 1945 - Oct. 21, 2005

Terry Alan Anderson, 59, and his wife, Darlene E. Anderson, 57, were found dead Friday morning, Oct. 21, 2005, at their residence in rural LaGrange.

Born in Kendallville on Dec. 14, 1945, he was a son of Alan R. and Donnabelle (Easterday) Anderson.

Married to Darlene Field, the couple had celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary.

A tree trimmer for Asplundh, he was an outdoorsman, and an avid fisherman of Muskie and ice fishing.

Survivors include two sons, Richard (Misty Jo) Kwiek of Palm Dale, Calif., and Shane C. Miller of Kendallville; two daughters, Sherry (Eric) Musilek of Chicago, and Amanda Anderson of LaGrange; two sisters, Penny (Harry) Bauer of Columbia City, and Linda (Roy) Malott of Florida; a brother, Clifford (Vicki) Anderson of Columbia City; five grandsons and a granddaughter.

He was preceded in death by a son, Nicholas A. Anderson.

The funeral service is at 10 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 27, at LaGrange Church of God. Visitation is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange. Burial is at Mongo Community Cemetery.

Darlene E. Anderson, 57

Jan. 7, 1948 - Oct. 21, 2005

Darlene E. Anderson, 57, and her husband, Terry Alan Anderson, 59, were found dead Friday morning, Oct. 21, 2005, at their residence in rural LaGrange.

Born on Jan. 7, 1948, in Coldwater, Mich., she was a daughter of Daniel E. and Patricia M. (Patterson) Field.

Married to Terry Anderson, the couple had celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary.

She worked at Kraft in Kendallville for 35 years.

An avid rock collector, she also collected crystal figurines and loved to go to garage sales.

Survivors include her mother, Patricia Field, and a daughter, Amanda Anderson, both of LaGrange; brothers, Daniel (Tammy) Field of Bay City, Ore.; Duane E. (Deila) Field; a step-daughter, Sherry (Eric) Musilek of Chicago; a step-son, Richard (Misty Jo) Kwiek of Palm Dale, Calif.; and five grandsons.

The funeral service is at 10 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 27, at LaGrange Church of God. Visitation is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange. Burial is at Mongo Community Cemetery.

Robert Wayne Beasley, 70

Nov. 23, 1934 - Oct. 25, 2005

Robert Wayne Beasley, 70, a resident of rural Columbia City, died at 5:50 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 25, 2005, at his home. He had been in failing health.

Born in on Nov. 23, 1934, in Richland Township, Whitley County, a son of Ralph and Icy (Loe) Beasley, his education was completed at Larwill High School.

On Feb. 1, 1955, he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force and after his discharge from active duty on Sept. 12, 1957, he began his employment at L.M.L. Engineering & Manufacturing, where he retired with 40 years of service.

On June 21, 1958, he was united in marriage to Nancy L. Walker. They made their home in Columbia Township for the past 36 years.

A member of Faith Baptist Church, American Legion Post 98, Eagles Lodge 1906 and Columbia City Moose, he loved his grandchildren, great-grandchildren, traveling and camping.

Survivors include his wife, Nancy; a son, Ryan W. (Vickie) Beasley of Columbia City; a daughter, Cindy (Dennis) Lee of Big Lake; eight grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Madge (Carl) Salesman of Columbia City, and Betty (Junior) Long of Warsaw.

He was preceded in death by his parents and seven brothers.

The funeral service is at 10:30 a.m. Friday, Oct. 28, at Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City, with Pastor Robert Crouse, of Faith Baptist Church, officiating. American Legion Post 98 will present military honors at the funeral home. Visitation is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Burial will take place at a later date at Union Township Cemetery.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to Parkview Home Health & Hospice.

Condolences may be sent to www.smithandsonsfuneralhome.com.



Beasley

Brandenburg service

Pastor Gene Rohrer officiated at the funeral service for Juanita M. Brandenburg, 88, on Saturday, Oct. 22, 2005, at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home in Columbia City.

The organ prelude and postlude by Evelyn Stemen included "Church in the Wildwood," "Beyond the Sunset" and other traditional hymns. Pat Murphy, vocalist, accompanied himself on the guitar as he sang "The Old Rugged Cross," "In the Garden" and "How Great Thou Art."

A video celebrating the life of Juanita was shared before family and friends were dismissed to the Angel of Hope Memorial Garden for the releasing of the bird of peace ceremony.

Casketbearers were Mike and Gary Todd, Jan and Jason Winterrowd, Josh Smith, Robb Rhodes, Bob Grant and David Hyder. The committal service was at South Whitley Cemetery, South Whitley.

Mrs. Brandenburg, mother of Lynn Todd and Lou Ann Winterrowd, died Tuesday, Oct. 18.

Wince service

Pastor John Cummings officiated at the funeral service for Vernagene Mae Wince, 88, on Sunday, Oct. 23, 2005, at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home in Columbia City.

Organist Evelyn Stemen included "In the Garden," "Take My Hand" and "Abide With Me" as prelude; "On Eagles Wings" as an organ solo and "Old Rugged Cross" as postlude. A video celebrating the life of Vernagene was shared before family and friends were dismissed.

Casketbearers were Terry Duff, Jim and Jonathon Born, Brian Clark, Brad Weikart and Dwayne Flauding. Honorary bearers were Norris Strickland, Brian Hollenbaugh and Kenneth Wince. Burial was at Jefferson Chapel (Sand Bank) Cemetery, rural Columbia City.

Mrs. Wince, mother of Deloris Duff and Barbara Born, died Thursday, Oct. 20.

Youngblood service

Pastor Paul Arnold officiated at the funeral service for C. Howard Youngblood, 88, on Sunday, Oct. 23, 2005, at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home in Columbia City.

Organist Evelyn Stemen included "Eternal Father Strong to Save," "Onward Christian Soldiers," "Battle Hymn of the Republic" and Mr. Youngblood's favorite hymn, "Amazing Grace" with "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" as postlude. Vocalist Mike Copp sang "How Great Thou Art" and "He Touched Me." The Eulogy was given by Ralph Bailey. A video celebrating the life of Howard was shared before family and friends were dismissed.

A former principal for 31 years for Columbia Township School, Mr. Youngblood, husband of Mary Catherine Youngblood and father of Jean Talbott and Becky Youngblood, died Thursday, Oct. 20, at his home.

Alma Jo Mattingly, 69

Oct. 23, 1936 - Oct. 26, 2005

Alma Jo Mattingly, 69, a resident of Fort Wayne, died at 6 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 26, 2005, at the family residence. She had been in declining health for some time and had been seriously ill since February.

Born on Oct. 23, 1936, in Campton, Ky., a daughter of Robert and Sarah E. (Holland) Clark, she came to this area in 1955.

On Nov. 28, 1957, she was married to Phillip E. Mattingly Sr. The couple lived in New Haven early in their marriage and had also lived for a period at Wolf Lake and in the Churubusco area. They had lived at their present home in Fort Wayne for the past 20 years.

For the past nine years she had been employed as a bus assistant for special education children at Fort Wayne Community Schools, retiring from there in January.

She was a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 857 and American Legion Post 82 auxiliaries, both in Fort Wayne.

Survivors include her husband, Phillip; four daughters, Linda C. (Jerry) Wallace of Goshen; Brenda Kay (Max) Berkes of Albion; Eunice M. (Gary) Lyons of Churubusco, and Sarah E. (Jim) Berkley of Phoenix, Ariz.; a sister, Marsha Bills of Goshen; a brother, Rondal (Sandy) Clark of Albion; 15 grandchildren and 30 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, who were former Churubusco residents, she was preceded in death by a son, Phillip E. Mattingly Jr.; a brother, Herbert Clark, and a granddaughter.

The funeral service is at 10 a.m. Friday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco, with Pastors Larry Davies and Paul Kelsaw officiating. The family will receive friends at the mortuary from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. today. Interment is at Eel River Cemetery, south of Churubusco.

For those who wish, memorials may be directed to the American Cancer Society.

Condolences may be e-mailed to the family at sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

Fisher service

The funeral service for Mary D. Fisher, 78, was Tuesday, Oct. 25, 2005, at Smith and Sons Miller Chapel in South Whitley, with Thomas Sinkler officiating.

A variety of hymns and favorite selections were played during the prelude and postlude including "Wind Beneath My Wings" and "Amazing Grace." A recording of Mr. Sinkler singing "A Better Place" was played during the service.

Mrs. Fisher, wife of Charles J. Fisher and the late Wilbert J. Snyder, and mother of Betty (Bill) Mallory, Helen Buuck, Kay Cook and Robert (LeeAnn) Snyder, died Friday, Oct. 21.

Johnson service

The funeral service for Marjorie L. Johnson, 80, was Wednesday, Oct. 26, 2005, at Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City, with the Rev. J. Phillip Blake officiating.

A variety of favorite selections were played during the prelude and postlude.

The committal service followed at Tamarack Cemetery, near Auburn. Casketbearers were James Galloway, Ricky Johnson, Howard Johnson, Kenny Brockway, Henry Born and George Born.

Mrs. Johnson, widow of Ross Eugene Johnson Sr., and mother of Howard (Michele) Johnson, Ross (Michelle) Johnson, James (Teresa) Galloway, Ricky (Rebecca) Johnson, Truly Wolfe, Zarada (Ken) Brockway, the late Valencia Galloway and the late Terry Johnson, died Saturday, Oct. 22.

Balser service

The funeral service for Geraldine Marjorie Balser, 81, was Monday, Oct. 24, 2005, at the Columbia City Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, with Tim Bryant officiating.

The burial took place at South Park Annex Cemetery. Family members served as

casketbearers.

Mrs. Balser, widow of Johnnie H. Balser and mother of Sandra (Thomas) McClung, James (Lynn) Balser, Wayne (Kathy) Balser and Michael (Kim) Balser, died Friday, Oct. 21.

Helen M. Miller, 93

March 31, 1912 - Oct. 25, 2005

Helen M. Miller, 93, of Fort Wayne, died Tuesday, Oct. 25, 2005, at Regency Place Nursing Home.

Born March 31, 1912, in Arcola, she was a daughter of Henry and Mary (Hines) Sinnigen.

She worked at Arcola School as a cook and Wolf & Dessauer Department Store.

She loved to bowl and loved the lake.

Survivors include a daughter-in-law, Linda Quinn; a sister, Marietta Stanski; six grandchildren, including Tony (Molly) Miller, and 18 great-grandchildren; a son-in-law Bob (Nancy) Fancher, numerous nieces, nephews; great-nieces and nephews and great-great-nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Richard; a son, Danny Miller; sisters, Catherine Kurtz, Betty Clifford and Kathleen Schneider; brothers, Henry Sinnigen and Albert Sinnigen; a nephew; a son-in-law, John Quinn and a step-granddaughter.

Mass of Christian Burial is 10 a.m. Saturday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 1020 Capitol Ave., Fort Wayne, with calling one hour prior. Fr. Emmanuel Chikezie will officiate. Calling is also 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Friday at Mungovan & Sons Memorial Chapel, 2114 S. Calhoun St., with vigil at 7:30 p.m. Burial is at Catholic Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Sacred Heart Catholic Church or Regency Place Employee Association.

Jean S. Finley, 85

March 27, 1920 - Oct. 20, 2005

Jean S. (Plummer) Finley, 85, of Greensburg, died Thursday, Oct. 20, 2005, following years of chronic illness.

During the past several years, she was homebound due to a nerve-muscle disease, Myasthenia Gravis.

Born March 27, 1920, in Larwill, a daughter of Jacob Earl and Lulu (Glenne) Plummer, she grew up through the Depression years and graduated from Purdue University with distinction and multiple honorary memberships. She worked with the Farmers Home Administration teaching better family living skills to low-income families. Later she was the first woman hired to direct ammunition testing at the Jefferson Proving Grounds. She next became a home demonstration agent in Decatur County. In 1969 she added to her previous 25 years of involvement with the Red Cross by becoming the executive secretary of the local chapter.

All these jobs were well suited to her philosophy, "Those to whom much has been given, should give much in return". She gave her gift of time, compassion and special abilities to her community through 45 years of service. She helped build the 4-H and home demonstration programs in Decatur County. She organized the community's first classes for expectant mothers, first learn-to-drive and minor auto maintenance classes for women, and first weight control support group. She taught many classes ranging from tailoring to fine arts, which resulted in the formation of the Decatur County Community Artists and local Arts and Crafts Cooperative.

Married in 1948, her husband Roger Finley shared a commitment to devote themselves to serving other people, and worked beside her in many activities. They sponsored two European displaced persons families coming to this country, and shared a family home with a very special family for 20 years. They also recruited families to serve as hosts for the incoming IFYE delegates and local youth who went abroad under this program. Her 45 years of service to the community were amplified by her ability to involve others. She had a unique aptitude to identify the right person to do a volunteer job, and could enlist their support and provide training for them to succeed. Through the Red Cross, she maintained the hospital volunteer program, built a Red Cross Safety Education program with CPR, First Aid and Water Safety classes, and provided a First Aid Station for more than 20 years for the County Fair and other community events. Also

through Red Cross, she organized and provided disaster service for family and community disasters, and assisted military authorities to provide support and services to military families. By organizing the volunteer group "Friends of Red Cross," a community storeroom of clothing, food and household needs was established. The soup-kitchen-pantry program, along with the Jolly Holly Day (free Christmas dinner) Program offered food and fellowship, with home delivery to shut-ins. Many times she and her husband raised funds and provided arrangements for critical needs, such as medical equipment and transportation for medical services, for community residents.

She assisted with the development of the county's first classes for mentally disabled children and supported the Muscatatuck volunteer program. An annual picnic and visit to the county fair midway for Muscatatuck State

Hospital patients was initiated, and included hundreds of participants. She directed the government's Project Find program to serve Social Security recipients, and guided many applicants to the Vocation Rehabilitation program. Prior to the initiation of the Hospice of Decatur County, she was also a volunteer for the Bartholomew County Hospital Hospice Program, served as an AARP Medicare consultant, and provided volunteer services to the elderly as the Avail Director under the Agency on Aging.

She received numerous prestigious awards of honor in recognition of her lifetime contributions. These includes the Sagamore of the Wabash Award, The Jefferson Award given by the Indianapolis Star for outstanding volunteerism, Gideon Dignitary Bible Award, Cooperative Extension Achievement Award, a 50 year Service Pen from the American Red Cross, Certificate of Recognition from the Westport Kiwanis Club, and the Community Service Award from the Greensburg Chamber of Commerce which was jointly awarded to her husband Roger. In addition, "Roger and Jean Finley Day" was proclaimed on March 25, 1994 by the Mayor of Greensburg. Jean was also a sustaining member of Tri Kappa, a 50-plus year member of Eastern Star, and a 50-plus year member of Farm Bureau.

Survivors include her husband, Roger, daughters, Jane (Wayne) Willis and Marybeth (Randy) Herbert; a son Jon (Michele) Finley; and eight grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a sister, Phyllis. (David) Armstrong.

Contributions may be offered to the Myasthenia Gravis Foundation of America, 1821 University Ave. W, Ste S256, St. Paul, MN 55104, or the Hospice of Decatur County, 720 N. Lincoln, Greensburg, IN 47240.

No funeral services will be held since she donated her body to the Anatomical Society. However, friends are invited to join a "Celebration of Life" Memorial Service from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 30, at Heritage Acres Restaurant (junction of state Road 3 and state Road 46W) five miles west of Greensburg.

Patricia Kennedy Helman, 80

Former first lady of Manchester College

Patricia Kennedy Helman, 80, of North Manchester, died Friday, Oct. 28, 2005, at Timbercrest Retirement Community of North Manchester. She had been in declining health.

Raised in Marshalltown, Iowa, she received her bachelor's degree and an honorary doctorate from McPherson College. Her theological study was at Bethany Biblical Seminary, Associated Mennonite Seminary and Iliff School of Theology. She married former Manchester College President A. Blair Helman on June 21, 1947.



Helman

She served as first lady of Manchester College from 1956 to 1986, acting as an ambassador, hostess and patron of the arts. Her portrait hangs in Tall Oaks, the president's residence, which she redecorated while first lady.

She was the co-founder and president of The Joyful Scribes Corp., a religious greeting card company purchased by Abby Press in 1993. She authored four books and wrote poems and verses for posters, including the most popular one: "Bach gave us God's Word, Mozart gave us God's Laughter, God gave us Music that we might pray without words."

As an ordained minister of the Church of the Brethren, she spoke in hundreds of churches and to secular groups across the Midwest. She served as the 1982 moderator of the church's annual conference. She also served as visiting chaplain at Timbercrest, on the Board of Governors of the National Council of Churches and as an officer of the Association for the Arts in the Church of the Brethren. She founded Art for Hunger in 1975.

Survivors include her husband, two daughters, Harriet "Bunny" Hill of Wichita, Kan., and Patricia Magaro of Columbus; and five grandchildren.

Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Nov. 4 at the North Manchester Church of the Brethren, 1306 N. Beckley St. The family will receive friends immediately following the service.

Memorials may be made to The A. Blair and Patricia K. Helman Honor Scholarship/Manchester College Presidential Leadership Awards in care of the Manchester College Office of College Advancement, 604 E. College Ave., North Manchester, IN 46962.

David Eugene Dahm, 59

Nov. 28, 1945 - Oct. 27, 2005

David Eugene Dahm, 59, died at 12:36 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 27, 2005, at his Columbia City residence.

Born to Lawrence and Dorothy (Bills) Dahm Nov. 28, 1945, in Warsaw, he attended North Webster High School.



He lived in the Dallas and Fort Worth, Texas, areas. He also lived in Warsaw, North Webster, Fort Wayne, New Haven and Columbia City. He serviced in the United States Army from 1965 to 1967. He was a long-haul truck driver for 25 years.

He is survived by sons, Christopher Morphew of Columbia City and Daniel; a daughter; three grandsons; a brother-in-law, John Funk of Goshen; two nieces, two cousins and a second cousin.



Dahm

He is preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Richard Dahm; sister, Rosmond Funk and two nieces.

Visitation will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday, Oct. 31 at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Dr. in Columbia City. The funeral service will be held at 1 p.m. Monday at the funeral home with Pastor Richard Pride of Eagle Quest officiating. Burial will be at Oakwood Cemetery in Warsaw.

Memorial bequests may be given in his

memorial to the charity of the donor's choice. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home. To send condolences to the family, sign the guest register or to light a memorial candle in his memory, please visit www.demoneygrimes.com.

Eleanor B. Stureman, 85

Sept. 21, 1920 - Oct. 28, 2005

Eleanor B. Stureman, 85, a resident of rural Kimmell, died early Friday evening in Provena Sacred Heart Home, Avilla, where she had been a

patient since Sept. 8.

Born Sept. 21, 1920, in Churubusco, a daughter of Arthur and Orpha Almeda (Fleck) McBride, she graduated from Churubusco High School with the class of 1938.

She was a homemaker, and as a young lady had worked for G.C. Murphy's in downtown Fort Wayne, the General Electric Company and Magnavox Corp., also in Fort Wayne.

She married Guy B. Stureman. He died Oct. 25, 1999.

Her love was baking cherry and butterscotch pies for her family and teaching Sunday School for four- and five-year-olds at Merriam Christian Chapel and later at the Churubusco Church of the Nazarene, where she was a member. She was also a devotional leader of the Green Township Devotional Club.

Survivors include a son, Philip L. (Olene) Stureman of Kimmell; a daughter, Mary (Jim) McCain of Fort Wayne; four grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by five brothers, Glen, Ray, Orvil, Spurgeon and Donald; and a sister, Opal.

The funeral service is 11 a.m. Tuesday at Sheets and Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with Pastor Paul D. White officiating. Burial will follow at Christian Chapel Cemetery in Merriam. The family will receive friends from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

For those who wish, memorial contributions may be directed to the Churubusco Church of the Nazarene building fund. Envelopes are available at the funeral home.

Condolences may be e-mailed to the family at sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.



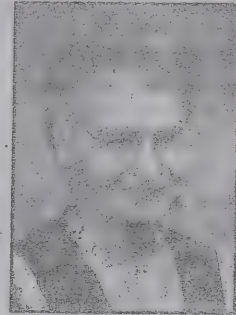
Stureman

Thelma Dellora Downing, 92

Dec. 12, 1912 - Oct. 29, 2005

Thelma Dellora Downing, 92, a resident of Columbia City, died at 10:33 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 29, 2005, at Oak Brook Village in Huntington, where she had been a resident for the past week.

Born Dec. 12, 1912, in Wells County, a daughter of John and Blanche (Hunnicut) Julian, her formative years were spent in Illinois and Oklahoma, where her father worked in the oil fields. At the age of 11, she and her family moved to a farm in Whitley County. She was educated in the old Weaver School, Troy Center School and graduated from Larwill High School.



Downing

On June 1, 1935, she was united in marriage to Floyd Alfred Downing. They spent a few years in Ohio. In the 1930s, they moved to Columbia City until their retirement to Ozark Acres near Hardy, Ark. in 1976. They returned to Columbia City in 1992. Mr. Downing died Sept. 17, 2002.

A homemaker, mother and friend, she was a member of First Baptist Church.

Surviving relatives include a son, Norman E. (Rachel) Downing of Cortland, Ohio; a daughter, Donna L. (Bill) Rafferty of Venice, Fla.; four grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; two brothers, John D. Julian of Marion and Robert Julian of Lake City, Fla.; and two sisters, Dorothy Rock of Hessemer, La. and Marjorie Leedy Magner of Columbia City.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by two brothers, Lester Julian and Donald Julian.

The funeral service is 1 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 2, 2005, at Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with the Rev. Jeff Harker, pastor of First Baptist Church, officiating. Visitation is from 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Burial is in South Park Cemetery.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to First Baptist Church or donor's favorite charity.

Condolences may be sent to www.smithandsonsfuneralhome.com.

Herschel J. Targgart, 84

Sept. 6, 1921 - Oct. 30, 2005

Herschel J. Targgart, 84, a resident of rural Columbia City, died at 10:50 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 30, 2005, at Miller's Merry Manor, Columbia City, where he had been a resident for the past two months.

Born Sept. 6, 1921, in Noble County, a son of Dewey and Myrta (Winebrenner) Targgart, he graduated in 1940 from Wolf Lake High School.

He was inducted in the United States Army on April 15, 1943, serving in England, France and Belgium during WWII. He was honorably discharged Jan. 20, 1946.

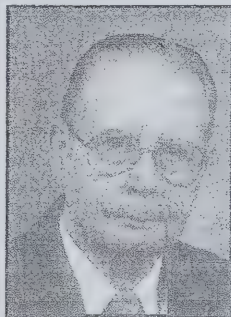
On Dec. 21, 1945, he was united in marriage to Mary D. Wolfe. They made their home in Merriam for 19 years before moving to Columbia City in 1965. They have resided at their present home north of Columbia City since 1969.

He was employed at Weatherhead for 42 years as a supervisor, retiring in 1983. His memberships include American Legion Post 98 and Burr Oak Baptist Church.

Surviving relatives include his wife, Mary; a daughter, Delores "Dee" Ann Phelps of Lafayette; two granddaughters; a great-grandson; and a brother, Everett Targgart of Columbia City.

Visitation is 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City. The committal service begins at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam. The American Legion Post 98 will present military honors at the cemetery.

Condolences may be sent to www.smithandsonsfuneralhome.com.



Targgart

Antonia Agatha Gudas, 100

Nov. 27, 1904 - Oct. 30, 2005

Antonia Agatha Gudas, 100, died at 9:30 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 30, 2005, at Pulaski Memorial Hospital in Winamac.

Born on Nov. 27, 1904, in Detroit, Mich., she was a daughter of Karl Gottlieb and

Constance (Barbas) Arndt.

Her parents had emigrated to the U.S. from Vilkaviskis, Lithuania via Essen, Germany, where they lived temporarily and worked for the Krupp Ammunition Company. The family moved to Foley, Ala., in 1911, in search of a warmer climate and longer growing seasons. They pioneered there as they cleared the land to make it tillable.

She married Joseph Gudas Sr. on Aug. 18, 1922, in Pensacola, Fla. He was also an immigrant from Lithuania, arriving in 1910. He died Aug. 26, 1973.

They lived in Binghamton, N.Y., where they owned and operated the Garsas Baking Company. Eventually they moved back to Foley where they farmed as well as ran a bakery. They moved to Chicago and operated a bakery. They then moved to Monterey and Winamac area and in 1952, purchased a farm in Van Buren Township.

Among survivors are four daughters, Johanna Gudas of Winamac; Mildred (Robert) Redweik of Kewanna; Edwina Martin of Oakbrook, Ill.; and Mary (James) Perry of Piqua, Ohio; three sons, Algird (Erica) Gudas of Winamac; Joseph (Joan) Gudas of Fort Wayne; and Edmund (Patricia) Gudas of Kewanna; 29 grandchildren; 62 great-grandchildren; seven great-great-grandchildren and a sister, Elizabeth Swirn (100 in 2002) of Foley, Ala.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by two sons, Frankie Gudas and Johnny Gudas; five sisters, five grandchildren, a son-in-law, Michael Martin Sr. three great-grandchildren; several brothers-in-law, and a sister-in-law.

The funeral service is at 11 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 3, at Frain Mortuary, Winamac, with Pastor Carl Fitchett officiating. Visitation is from 2 to 8 p.m. Wednesday and after 8 a.m. Thursday at Frain Mortuary, 305 East Main St., Winamac.

Memorial contributions may be made to the donor's favorite charity.

Flora Belle Loe, 73

Dec. 26, 1931 - Oct. 29, 2005

Flora Belle Loe, 73, a resident of Columbia City, died at 8:40 a.m. Saturday at her residence.

Born Dec. 26, 1931 in Churubusco, she was a daughter of Hebert Theodore and Bethel Marie (Pennington) Harroff-Foster.

She lived in Indiana, California, Tennessee, Mississippi, Arkansas and Florida, returning to Indiana six months ago from Florida when she became ill. A homemaker, she attended high school through the 10th grade.

On Jan. 10, 1948, she married James E. Loe Sr. at Columbia City United Methodist Church.

She is survived by her husband, James E. Loe Sr. of Columbia City; two sons, Robert E. (Loyda) Loe of Columbia City and James E. (Marnita) Loe Jr. of Albion; a daughter, Lora L. (Blaine) Gerard of South Whitley; three sisters, Mary E. (David) Gater of Dillsboro, N.C., Rilla J. (Stanley) Walter of Columbia City and Elizabeth (Ruben) Hatcher of Silver Lake; two brothers, John M. Harroff and Frederick J. (Sherry) Harroff, both of Columbia City; 12 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents; two sons, Michael Eugene and Theodore LeRoy Loe; and three brothers, James E., Francis and Herbert Harroff.

Visitation is 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 4, 2005, at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600

Countryside Dr., Columbia City. A private funeral

service is at 10 a.m. on Saturday at the funeral home with the Rev. Barry Faucett of New Hope Wesleyan Church officiating. Burial is at Christian Chapel

Cemetery, Merriam.

Memorial bequests may be given in Mrs. Loe's memory to the American Cancer Society and donor's choice. Envelopes are available at the funeral home.

To send condolences to the family, sign the guest register or to light a memorial candle in Mrs. Loe's memory, please visit

www.demoneygrimes.com.

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Sept. 21, 1920 - Oct. 28, 2005

Eleanor B. Stureman, 85, a resident of rural Kimmell, died early Friday evening in Provina Sacred Heart Home, Avilla, where she had been a patient since Sept. 8.

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She was a homemaker, and as a young lady had worked for G.C. Murphy's in downtown Fort Wayne, the General Electric Company and Magnavox Corp., also in Fort Wayne.

She married Guy B. Stureman. He died Oct. 25, 1999.

Her love was baking cherry and butterscotch pies for her family and teaching Sunday School for four- and five-year-olds at Merriam Christian Chapel and later at the Churubusco Church of the Nazarene, where she was a member. She was also a devotional leader of the Green Township Devotional Club.

Survivors include a son, Philip L. (Olene) Stureman of Kimmell; a daughter, Mary (Jim) McClain of Fort Wayne; four grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by five brothers, Glen, Ray, Orvil, Spurgeon and Donald; and a sister, Opal.

The funeral service is 11 a.m. Tuesday at Sheets and Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with Pastor Paul D. White officiating. Burial will follow at Christian Chapel Cemetery in Merriam. The family will receive friends from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

For those who wish, memorial contributions may be directed to the Churubusco Church of the Nazarene building fund. Envelopes are available at the funeral home.

Condolences may be e-mailed to the family at sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.



Stureman

Ruth Frazier Gaerte, 98

Feb. 25, 1907 - Oct. 30, 2005

Ruth Frazier Gaerte, 98, a resident of Columbia City, died at 11:40 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 30, 2005, at Parkview Whitley Hospital in Columbia City, where she was admitted on Oct. 22.

Born Feb. 25, 1907 in Hartford City, a daughter of Henry D. and Minnie (Beasley) Frazier, as a young girl, she moved with her family to Arcola. She graduated from Arcola High School.

In 1928 she was united in marriage to Orval M. Gaerte. They made their home in Lake Township, Allen County and later

Thorncreek Township, Whitley County. Mr. Gaerte died April 11, 1963. She then moved to her home in Columbia City.

Employed at Blumenthals Dress Shop and later Wearly Monuments, she was a clown for High Hope Ministries and Whitley County Clowns. She was also a member of First Baptist Church, a former 50-year member of Thorncreek Home Extension Club, a Columbia City 4-H leader for 10 years and Farm Bureau, of which she was the former woman's leader.

Surviving relatives include two daughters, Laurice Moore of Columbia City and Amelia Anne Winebrenner of Churubusco; two grandsons; three great-grandchildren and a sister, Esther McDonald of Seminole, Fla.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by a brother, George Frazier.

The funeral service is 3 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 2, 2005, at Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with the Rev. Jeff Harker, pastor of First Baptist Church, officiating. Visitation is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Burial is in Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to Whitley County Community Foundation.

Condolences may be sent to www.smithandsonsfuneralhome.com.



Gaerte

Emma Jane Purvis, 82

Oct. 23, 1923 - Oct. 30, 2005

Emma Jane Purvis, 82, of North Manchester, died at 8 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 30, 2005, at her residence. Born in Covington, Ky., on Oct. 23, 1923, she was a daughter of John and Marea (Collopy) Bailey.

Her first marriage was in 1945 to Glen Hammons. He is deceased. Her second marriage was to Dave Purvis in 1971, also deceased.

She retired from Invensey Controls Co., in North Manchester, after 15 years and was a member of the Women of the Moose and American Legion Auxiliary.

Survivors include three sons, Glen (Jerri) Hammons of Alvarado, Texas; John (Pat) Hammons of North Manchester, and Ed (Sue) Purvis of South Whitley; two daughters, Mary Kline of Laketon and Marea (Allen) Kline of Columbia City; two sisters, Elaine Dickerson of Cincinnati, Ohio, and Mary Ellen Telander of Tallahassee, Fla.; 18 grandchildren and 26 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husbands, she was preceded in death by three brothers and three grandsons.

The funeral service is at 11 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 3, at DeLaughter-McKee Mortuary North Manchester Chapel, with Pastor Ralph Kirkpatrick and Ron Purvis officiating. Visitation is from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the mortuary. Burial is at Oaklawn Cemetery, North Manchester.

Memorials may be made to Emma J. Purvis Memorial Fund in-care-of DeLaughter-McKee Mortuary.

Thank You,

We would like to thank all of the caring people that said prayers, sent cards and flowers. For all the kind words for the loss of our loved one. A special thanks to Demoney/Grimes Funeral Home & Staff, The Oaks Staff, friends, relatives, Rev. Rohr and Pat Murphy. A special thanks to Trisha Waikel for being there with mom when she passed.

Louann Winterrowd & Family

Lynn Todd & Family

No words can express how thankful we are for all of the donations, prayers and support our community and surrounding communities has given to us in the difficult time. We truly feel blessed to know that there are so many caring people and would like to thank all those who helped us in our time of need. We would like to recognize a few of the people/businesses/organizations for their support as well.

*Kyle & Emily Myers
South Whitley Fire Dept.
South Whitley Lions Club
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Rex & Cinda Schipper*

*Judy Lorte
Jodie Craig
Zimmer Employees
Reelcraft Employees
First Federal Savings Bank
First Baptist Church
Oak Grove United Methodist
Centerview Community Church*

Sincerely, Chad and Christelle Snyder and Family

Dahm service

Pastor Richard Pride officiated at the funeral service for David Eugene Dahm, 59, on Monday, Oct. 31, 2005, at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home in Columbia City.

Carla Blakley included "Blessed Assurance," "Amazing Grace" and "Come Thou Fount" as organ prelude with "America the Beautiful" as postlude. "Whispering Hope" and "In the Garden" were vocal duets by Kenny Bills and Jeanette Bills. Special recorded selections were "American Soldier" and "God Bless the USA."

Family and friends were dismissed to the Angel of Hope Memorial Garden for a bird of peace ceremony.

The committal service was at Oakwood Cemetery in Warsaw. American Legion members served as casketbearers. Graveside military rites were conducted by American Legion Post 98 with

Bill Wheeler as commander and chaplain; Frank Daniels as color guard commander, with Homer Wells, Paul Thompson, Paul Brower and Ray Gilbert as color guard. Bill Hare was the firing squad commander, with Ted Hare, Bob Hearld, John Slabaugh, Frank Fey, Larry Jones and Bill Rea as firing squad. Joe Hare was the bugler.

Mr. Dahm, a U.S. Army veteran, and father of Christopher Morpheu and Daniel and Pamela N. Dahm, died Thursday, Oct. 27, at his home.

The following service is being reprinted to correct a name.

Bradenburg service

Pastor Gene Rohrer officiated at the funeral service for Juanita M. Bradenburg, 88, on Saturday, Oct. 22, 2005, at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home in Columbia City.

The organ prelude and postlude by Evelyn Stemen included "Church in the Wildwood," "Beyond the Sunset" and other traditional hymns. Pat Murphy, vocalist, accompanied himself on the guitar as he sang "The Old Rugged Cross," "In the Garden" and "How Great Thou Art."

A video celebrating the life of Juanita was shared before family and friends were dismissed to the Angel of Hope Memorial Garden for the releasing of the bird of peace ceremony.

Casketbearers were Mike and Gray Todd, Jan and Jason Winterrowd, Josh Smith, Robb Rhodes, Bob Grant and David Hyder. The committal service was at South Whitley Cemetery, South Whitley.

Mrs. Bradenburg, mother of Lynn Todd and Lou Ann Winterrowd, died Tuesday, Oct. 18.

McCullough service

The funeral service for Luella Poffenberger McCullough, 85, was Wednesday, Oct. 26, 2005, at Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City, with the Rev. Tim Kumfer, of Big Lake Church of God, officiating.

A variety of hymns were played during the prelude and postlude.

The committal service was Thursday morning at the Prairie Grove Cemetery near Waynedale. Casketbearers included John Poffenberger, John Esterline and Mike McKee.

Mrs. McCullough, widow of John Poffenberger and Alvin McCullough, mother of John (Barbara) Poffenberger and Judy (Ray) Esterline, died Monday, Oct. 24.

Beasley service

The funeral service for Robert Wayne Beasley, 70, was Friday, Oct. 28, 2005, at Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City, with the Rev. Robert Crouse, of Faith Baptist Church, officiating.

A variety of favorite selections were played during the prelude and postlude including "How Great Thou Art," "In the Garden," "God Rest High On That Mountain" and "Stand By Me." The service began with the playing of "Satin Sheets" and "Help Me Make It Through the Night." "Wish You Were Here" was played during the service.

American Legion Post 98 presented military honors at the funeral home. Bill Wheeler served as commander and Dean Ramsey served as chaplain. The color guard included Frank Daniels as commander, Homer Wells, Ray Gilbert and Paul Thompson. The firing squad included Bill Hare as commander, Ted Hare, Bob Hearld, Bill Rea, Paul Brower, Mike Bellinger, John Slabaugh and Frank Fey. Joe Hare was the bugler.

The Whitley County Korean War Veterans provided vigil during the visitation on Thursday.

The committal service was Saturday afternoon at the Union Township Cemetery.

Mr. Beasley, husband of Nancy L. (Walker) Beasley and father of Ryan (Vickie) Beasley and Cindy (Dennis) Lee, died Tuesday, Oct. 25.

Bon D. Tucker, 66

May 16, 1939 - Oct. 31, 2005

Bon D. Tucker, 66, of Bells, Texas, died Monday, Oct. 31, 2005.

Born at Wolf Lake on May 16, 1939, he was a son of Ora and Athalen (Fry) Tucker, both deceased.



He married Ann Thulin on Nov. 29, 1958, in Albion.

A member of the Air National Guard and U.S. Air Force, he lived most of his life in Noble County before moving to Texas in 1999.

He was a long time supervisor for Dexter Axle in Albion and worked as a construction contractor in Texas.

His memberships included American Legion Post 240 in Albion and Trinity Lutheran Church in Sherman, Texas. He enjoyed construction, raising cattle and growing pecans.

Survivors include his wife, Ann; a daughter, Nichole (Nikki) of Wichita, Kan.; a son, Wayne Tucker of Albion; two grandchildren; and a sister, Rhonda (Paul) Johnson of Albion.

The funeral service is at 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 5, at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Albion, with Pastor Ann Marshall officiating. Visitation is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Trail Ridge Village, Albion. Visitation is also one hour prior to the service at the church on Saturday. Burial is at Merriam Chapel Cemetery, Merriam, with a military graveside service conducted by American Legion Post 240, Albion.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Albion.

'Ray' Clarence R. Werstler, 80

July 20, 1925 - Nov. 3, 2005

"Ray" Clarence R. Werstler, 80, of Pierceton, died at 4:37 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 3, 2005, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Born on July 20, 1925, in Pierceton, a son of Oscar Adam and Elva Mae Marjorie (Reiff) Werstler, he was a lifetime resident of the Pierceton area.

On March 6, 1949, he was united in marriage to Donna B. Brinckman in Pierceton.

A farmer, he worked at Weatherhead-Dana of Columbia City for 27 years, retiring in 1988.

A member of Pierceton Presbyterian Church, he was an elder and head of several committees of the church, past president of Pierceton Senior Center and a retired member of the UAW 1404 of Columbia City. He was an avid hunter and fisherman.

Survivors include his wife, Donna; three sons, Michael R. (Donna) Werstler of Larwill; D. Rex (Carol) Werstler of Leesburg, and Tim L. (Sue) Werstler of Pierceton; a daughter, Vicki S. (John) Camden of Pierceton; a brother, Jim Werstler of Columbia City; two sisters, Wilma Rostochak of Pierceton, and Marilyn Ritchison of Warsaw; 12 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two sisters and three grandchildren.

The funeral is at 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 6, at the Presbyterian Church in Pierceton, with the Rev. Steve Mullin officiating. Visitation is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday at McHatton-Sadler Funeral Chapel, state Route 13 in Pierceton. Burial is at Hillcrest Cemetery, Pierceton.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to Pierceton Presbyterian Church Scholarship Fund.

Gaerte service

The funeral service for Ruth Frazier Gaerte, 98, was Wednesday, Nov. 2, 2005, at Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City, with the Rev. Jeff Harker, of First Baptist Church, officiating. A presentation and prayer was given by members of the High Hope Clown Ministries.

A variety of selections were played during the prelude and postlude, including "The Old Rugged Cross" and "Wind Beneath My Wings."

The committal service followed at Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam. Casketbearers were Phil Frazier, Gary Frazier, Eddie Gaerte, Ronnie Gaerte, Steve Moore, Larry Moore and Tom Winebrenner.

Mrs. Gaerte, widow of Orval M. Gaerte and mother of Laurice Moore and Amelia Winebrenner, died Sunday, Oct. 30.

Targgart service

The graveside funeral service for Herschel J. Targgart, 84, was Wednesday, Nov. 2, 2005, at Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam, with the Rev. Robert Conelley, of St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, officiating.

American Legion Post 98 presented military honors. Bill Wheeler served as commander and chaplain. The color guard included Frank Daniels as commander, Homer Wells, Ray Gilbert, Paul Brower and Paul Thompson. The firing squad included Bill Hare as commander, Ted Hare, Bob Hearld, Bill Rea, Mike Bellinger, John Slabaugh and Frank Frey. Bill Hare was the bugler.

Mr. Targgart, husband of Mary D. (Wolfe) Targgart and father of Delores "Dee" Phelps, died Sunday, Oct. 30.

Arrangements were completed by Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City.

Downing service

The funeral service for Thelma Downing, 92, was Wednesday, Nov. 2, 2005, at Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City, with the Rev. Jeff Harker, of First Baptist Church, officiating.

A variety of hymns were played during the prelude and postlude including "Whispering Hope," "Beautiful Garden of Prayer," "Beyond the Sunset" and "Is Is No Secret." "Good Night and Good Morning" was played during the service.

The committal service followed at South Park Cemetery. Casketbearers were Blaine Downing, William Rafferty II, Steve Julian, Ira Marhanka, Ian Marhanka and Cleon Downing.

Mrs. Downing, widow of Floyd Alfred Downing and mother of Norman (Rachel) Downing and Donna (Bill) Rafferty, died Saturday, Oct. 29.

Luella 'Jean' Sheldon, 72

Jan 16, 1933 - Nov. 4, 2005

Luella "Jean" Sheldon, 72, a resident of Columbia City for the past 30 years, and a former resident of Churubusco, died early Friday morning, Nov. 4, 2005, at Miller's Merry Manor Nursing Center following a brief illness.

Born on Jan. 16, 1933, in Churubusco, she was a daughter of James T. and Ruby (Moore) Anderson.

As a young girl she was an accomplished accordion player in an all-girl band, and later in life she loved to go to garage sales.

She had worked as a cook and in housekeeping in various nursing homes in the Columbia City area and was a home health-care provider before retirement.

Survivors include daughters, Rita A. Friend of Columbia City and Wanda S. Mitchell of LaOtto; five grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; an unborn great-grandchild and her special dog, Gidget.

The funeral service is at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 9, at Sheets and Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco, with Pastor Lois Watkins officiating. The family will receive friends from 2 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Burial is at Eel River Cemetery in rural Allen County.

For those who wish, memorials may be directed to Parkview/Whitley Hospice or the LaOtto Wesleyan Church. Envelopes are available at the funeral home.

Condolences may be e-mailed to the family at



Sheldon

sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

Captain Hubert Wiley Keith Jr., 78

May 18, 1927 - Nov. 5, 2005

Captain Hubert Wiley Keith Jr., 78, a resident of Columbia City, died at 2 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 5, 2005, at his home. He had been in failing health for the past six weeks.

Born on May 18, 1927, at Fort Benning, Ga., a son of Hubert Wiley and Sarah (Geiger) Keith Sr., he was educated at Little Rock High School and received his bachelor's degree in civil engineering from Georgia Tech.

In 1945, he was inducted into the U.S. Army and served as the chief executive officer of the Joint U.S. and U.S.S.R. 38th Parallel Survey. He was later commissioned into the National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration, retiring in 1974.

On Oct. 28, 1948, he was united in marriage to Virginia Cox and they made their first home in Oakland, Calif. They resided throughout the United States during his commission. In 2002 they moved to their home in Columbia City.

His memberships include Grace Lutheran Church.

Survivors include his wife, Virginia; a son, Kenneth Wayne Keith of Olympia, Wash.; and a daughter, Joyce (Wallace) Dubach of Columbia City.

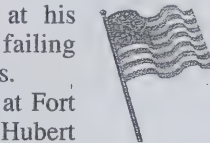
In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a sister, Sarah Keith.

A memorial service is at a later date at Grace Lutheran Church in Columbia City.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home.

Condolences may be sent to www.smithandsonsfuneralhome.com.

Arrangements are by Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City.



Keith

Infant Camdyn Lynn Snyder

Oct. 31, 2005 - Nov. 3, 2005

Camdyn Lynn Snyder, 4-days-old, died at 2:43 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 3, 2005 at her home.

Born in Columbia City on Oct. 31, 2005, she was the daughter of Chad Isaac and Christelle (Snepp) Snyder of South Whitley.

In addition to her parents, she is survived by a brother, Layne I. Snyder of South Whitley; grandparents, Roger and Rose Tucker of Columbia City; Leisa Snyder of Larwill; Don Snyder Jr. of South Whitley; and John and Kate Snepp of South Whitley; great-grandparents, Jim and Sonya Burch of Travelers Rest, S.C.; Jay and Mary Shoemaker of South Whitley; and two uncles and an aunt.

She was preceded in death by a great-parents, Don Snyder Sr., John and Helen Snepp, and Max and Mae Gawthrop.

Visitation is from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. today at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Park Dr. in Columbia City. The funeral service is at 1 p.m. today at the funeral home with Chaplain Karen Kosberg officiating. Burial is at South Whitley Cemetery.

Memorial bequests may be given in Camdyn Snyder's memory to Parkview Home Health and Hospice and March of Dimes. Envelopes are available at the funeral home.

To send condolences to the family, sign the guest register or to light a memorial candle in Camdyn's memory, please visit www.demoneygrimes.com.

Richard Nelson Daniels, 68

Sept. 25, 1937 - Nov. 6, 2005

Richard Nelson Daniels, 68, of rural Bluffton, died at 12:10 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 6, 2005, at the Veteran's Hospital in Marion. He had been in failing health for the past seven years.

Born on Sept. 25, 1937, in Middletown, Ohio, he was a son of Richard and Ruth (Womble) Daniels and lived in Wells County most of his life.

He married Audrey M. Harris on March 29, 1971, in Bluffton.

He served in the U.S. Army from 1957 to 1959 and was a disabled veteran.

A member of American Legion Post 111 of Bluffton, he retired from the Indiana Dept. of Transportation in 1996, after 10 years.

Survivors include his wife, Audrey; children, Joe Daniels of Columbia City; Doreen Schuerman of New Haven; Donald Bradburn, Sue Crum and Brian Bradburn, all of Bluffton; and Tina Mills of Montpelier; 17 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

The funeral service is 10 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 9, at Thoma/Rich, Hewitt & Chaney Funeral Home, 308 West Washington St., Bluffton, with

Pastor Walter Graeflin officiating. Visitation is from 4 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home. Burial is at Fairview Cemetery, Bluffton, with military graveside rites conducted by American Legion Post 111, Bluffton.

Preferred memorials are to the family.



Daniels

Retired Captain Hubert Wiley Keith Jr., 78

Memorial service set for Thursday

The memorial service for retired Captain Hubert Wiley Keith Jr., 78, is at 2 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 10, 2005, at Grace Lutheran Church, 204 N. Main St. in Columbia City, with the Rev. Dr. C. James Cress, officiating.

Mr. Keith, husband of Virginia (Cox) Keith, and father of Kenneth Wayne Keith of Olympia, Wash., and Joyce (Wallace) Dubach of Columbia City, died Saturday, Nov. 5.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home.

Condolences may be sent to www.smithandsonsfuneralhome.com

Arrangements are by Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City.



Keith

Loe service

Pastor Barry Faucett officiating at the memorial service for Flora Belle Loe, 73, on Saturday, Nov. 5, 2005, at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home in Columbia City.

Organist Evelyn Stemen included "My Faith Looks Up to Thee," "Precious Memories" and "In the Garden" as prelude, with "Memories" as postlude.

The service began with a video tribute celebrating the life of Flora with an organ solo of "Amazing Grace" played during the service. Special compact disc selection was "Mama" by IL DIVO. "The Rose" was played during a rose presentation to the family before dismissal.

Burial was at Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

Mrs. Loe, wife of James E. Loe Sr., and mother of Robert E. Loe, James E. Loe Jr., and Lora Gerard died at her home on Oct. 29.

Shirley O. Gable, 68

Feb. 18, 1937 - Nov. 8, 2005

Shirley O. Gable, 68, a resident of Cleveland Township, died Tuesday morning, Nov. 8, 2005, at her home. She had been in failing health.

Born on Feb. 18, 1937, in Gary, she was a daughter of John R. and Charlotte D. (Ritter) McGrath. She began her education in the East Gary School and in 1945, her family moved to South Whitley, where she graduated from South Whitley High School in 1955.



Gable

On March 17, 1956, she was united in marriage to L. DeWayne Gable. They have always made their home in the South Whitley area, residing on the same farm for the past 30 years.

She was employed at Stump Printing from 1983 until 2000.

Her memberships included South Whitley United Methodist Church, Columbia City Order of the Eastern Star 65, Columbia City Bowling League for 50 years, Women's International Bowling Congress and the Pinochle Club.

Survivors include her husband, DeWayne; two daughters, Tammy (Steve) Shoda of Columbia City, and Terri Gable of Sarasota, Fla.; two sons, Jeff (Teresa) Gable of North Manchester, and Tim (Tina) Gable of South Whitley; 10 grandchildren; and three brothers, LaVerne (Beverly) McGrath of Dunedin, Fla., Kenneth (Agatha) McGrath of Nitro, W. Va., and Dennis (Pat) McGrath of Cincinnati.

The funeral service is at 10:30 a.m. Friday, Nov. 11, at Smith and Sons Miller Chapel in South Whitley, with the Rev. Paul Burris, of South Whitley United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial is at South Whitley Cemetery. Visitation is from 2 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to Turnstone Center for Disabled Children & Adults, honoring Tiffany Shoda.

Condolences may be sent to www.smithandsonsfuneralhome.com.

Snyder service

Chaplain Karen Kosberg officiated at the funeral service for 4-day-old, Camdyn Lynn Snyder, on Monday, Nov. 7, 2005, at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home in Columbia City.

Organist Evelyn Stemen included "When He Cometh," "Jesus Wants Me for a Sunbeam," "Jesus Loves Me" and "Brahms Lullaby" as prelude, "Amazing Grace" as a solo and "Children of the Heavenly Father" as postlude. Special compact disc selections of "One More Day" and "When I See You Smile" were played in addition to Camdyn's great-grandmother, Sonya Burch, reading a letter to the family. Vocalist was Pastor Scott Lewellen.

A video tribute celebrating the life of Camdyn was shared before family and friends were dismissed to the Angel of Hope Memorial Garden for the bird of peace ceremony.

The committal service followed at South Whitley Cemetery, South Whitley.

Camdyn Lynn Snyder, infant daughter of Chad and Christelle Snyder and sister to Layne, died Thursday, Nov. 3, at her home.

Mavis M. Brown, 84

March 25, 1921 - Nov. 9, 2005

Mavis M. Brown, 84, a former resident of South Whitley, died at 7:09 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 9, 2005, at Miller's Merry Manor in Columbia City where she had been a resident since October 1997.

Born on March 25, 1921, in Wabash County, a daughter of Landa and Mandoline (Rager) Keel, her formative years were spent in Fort Wayne and she graduated from North Side High School in 1939.

On Aug. 12, 1939, she was united in marriage to Walter C. Brown. They made their home in Whitley County, residing on a farm north of South Whitley for more than 30 years. Mr. Brown died April 21, 1994.

Survivors include two sons, Walter (Suzie) Brown Jr. of Roanoke and Dennis (Barb) Brown of Columbia City; four daughters, Joyce (Donald) Walther of Claypool, Laura (Robert) Laux of Roanoke, Brenda (Tom) Smith and Janet (George) Howard, both of South Whitley; 26 grandchildren and 46 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by a son, Leon Brown; a granddaughter; a great-grandson and a sister, Donna.

The funeral service is at 10 a.m. Monday, Nov. 14, at Smith and Son's Miller Chapel in South Whitley, with Pastor Marilyn Gebert officiating. The burial is at South Whitley Cemetery. Visitation is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to Parkview Home Health & Hospice.

Condolences may be sent to www.smithandsonsfuneralhome.com.

Alice Marcella Ketner, 83

June 15, 1922 - Nov. 10, 2005

Alice Marcella Ketner, 83, died at 1:55 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 10, 2005, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Born on June 15, 1922, in Defiance, Ohio, she was a daughter of Zoma and Edna (Wellman) Mansfield.

On July 20, 1946, she was united in marriage to Theodore Ketner and they made their home in the Continental, Ohio, community where she was vice president of the Continental Bank. Mr. Ketner died in 1999.

She made her home at the Peabody Retirement Community in North Manchester since last November.

Survivors include two daughters, Kathy (Dan) Sallot of Springfield, Ohio, and Nancy (Tom) Dome of South Whitley; four grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren, and eight brothers and sisters.

The funeral service is at 1 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 13, at Heitmeyer Funeral Home, 207 West Rice St. in Continental. Burial is at Monroe Cemetery. Visitation is from 2 to 6 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

Local arrangements are by Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City.

Robert L. Chapple, 73

Sept. 12, 1932-Nov. 11, 2005

Robert L. Chapple, 73, a resident of Columbia Township, died at 9:34 a.m. Friday, Nov. 11, 2005, at Parkview Whitley Hospital.

He was born on Sept. 12, 1932, to Chesteen and Elberta (Frye) Chapple in Silver Lake. He spent his formative years in the Silver Lake community, where he graduated from high school in 1950. He received a bachelor's degree from Purdue in 1954. After earning his master's degree from Purdue in 1955, he entered the U.S. Navy. He served on active duty until 1959. In 1977, he retired from the U.S. Navy Reserves as a commander.



After completing his military service, he started his employment as chief metallurgist at Joslyn Stainless Steel Corporation in Fort Wayne, a position he held until 1972 when he and his wife founded the TNT Floral Shoppe.

On June 8, 1952, he was united in marriage to Carolyn Bowen. They made their first home together in San Diego. They lived in Monon and Roanoke, and moved to Laud in 1959. Three years ago, they built a new home west of Columbia City.

Mr. Chapple was a member of the Washington Center United Methodist Church. He was active on the board of both FTD and Teleflora. He was a former president and active member of the Whitley County Farm Bureau.

Surviving relatives include his wife, Carolyn; children, Linda Neidigh of Warsaw, Gary (Marla) Chapple of Columbia City and Judy Pelance of Millersburg; eight grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; two sisters, Kay Smith of Tippecanoe and Dianne (Leon) Juday of Lake Alfred, Fla.

The funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 15 at the Smith & Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City. Pastor Bret Frymier of Washington Center United Methodist Church will officiate. Burial will be in the South Park Annex Cemetery.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to the Washington Center United Methodist Church. Condolences may be sent to www.smithandsonsfuneralhome.com.

Pauline Jane (Bair) Erdly, 93

Dec. 18, 1911-Nov. 13, 2005

Pauline Jane (Bair) Erdly, 93, died at 2:25 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 13, 2005, at Avalon Village in Ligonier. She had been in failing health for the past 11 years due to Alzheimer's disease.

She was born on Dec. 18, 1911, to Irvin Pius and Emma Rozilla (Hissong) Bair. She graduated from Cromwell High School in 1930 and from Epworth School of Nursing in South Bend in 1935.

After college, she began her nursing career at Luckey Hospital in Wolf Lake, where she remained until the opening of the Wolf Lake Medical Clinic in 1962. She retired from Wolf Lake Medical Center, having worked for more than 50 years in nursing.

Her love, devotion and pride for nursing allowed her to continue giving to the Wolf Lake community in many ways for several more years.

While at Luckey Hospital, she met and married her husband of 40 years, Evart Faye Erdly. They were married on Nov. 4, 1938, and he preceded her in death in 1978.

Mrs. Erdly was a member of Wolf Lake United Methodist Church, Noble County Home Extension Club, Indiana Nursing Association and the Wolf Lake VFW, Post 4714, Ladies Auxiliary. In her early years of retirement, she developed a love for painting and had a large gallery of beautiful pictures, which she had painted through the years. In addition, she loved to watch birds.

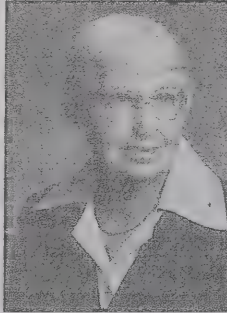
She is survived by her four sons and two daughters-in-law, William E. Erdly of Albion, Charles E. Erdly of Linton, Jimmy L. (Norma) Erdley of Kimmell, and David L. (Sherry) Erdley of Albion; a son-in-law, Fred Colen of Wolf Lake; a sister, Katherine Brazel of Ligonier; a brother, Arthur Bair of Upland; nine grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren and a great-great-grandson.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by her daughter, Kayanne J. (Erdly) Colen in 1998; two sisters, Levanche Kugler and Alice Mynhier; a brother, Howard Bair; and a granddaughter.

The funeral service is at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 16 at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home with Rev. Don Poyser officiating. Burial will be at Wolf Lake Cemetery in Wolf Lake. Friends may call from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral

home, and at 7:45 p.m., at the VFW Ladies Auxiliary will conduct a service.

Memorials may be directed to the Alzheimer's Association.



Erdly

Neal Dean Fett, 71

Oct. 17, 1934-Nov. 12, 2005

Neal Dean Fett, 71, of Columbia City, died at 2:34 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 12, 2005, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was born in Fort Wayne Oct. 17, 1934, a son to Ami Ross and Alice Faye (Moyer) Fett. He spent most of his lifetime in Fort Wayne, moving to Columbia City in 1999. He attended Fort Wayne Community Schools.

He first worked at Allen Dairy in Fort Wayne as a factory worker in the



Fett

cottage cheese division. Later he worked at East Allen Community Schools as a custodian, retiring in 1993 after many years of service. He was a former member of a bowling league in Fort Wayne.

He is survived by four daughters, Rhonda G. Logan and Alice R. Fett, both of Columbia City, Jennifer D. Butler of Fort Wayne and Amanda M. Rigsby of South Whitley; six grandchildren; two sisters, Lois Mekus of Defiance, Ohio, and Ann Parker of Tupelo, Miss. He was preceded in death by his parents; one sister, Charleen Mackers; two brothers, Chuck and Jim Fett; and one granddaughter.

Visitation is from 2 to 5 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 15 at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Dr. in Columbia City. The funeral service is at 5 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home with Pastor Barry Faucett of New Hope Wesleyan Church officiating.

Memorial bequests may be given in Mr. Fett's memory to Fett Memorial Fund. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home.

To send condolences to the family, sign the guest register or light a memorial candle in Mr. Fett's memory, please visit www.demoneygrimes.com.

The following obituary is being rerun to correct an error and include a picture.

Robert L. Chapple, 73

Sept. 12, 1932-Nov. 11, 2005

Robert L. Chapple, 73, a resident of Columbia Township, died at 9:34 a.m. Friday, Nov. 11, 2005, at Parkview Whitley Hospital.

He was born on Sept. 12, 1932, to Chesteen and Elberta (Frye) Chapple in Silver Lake. He spent his formative years in the Silver Lake community, where he graduated from high school in 1950. He received a bachelor's degree from Purdue in 1954. After earning his master's degree from Purdue in 1955, he entered the U.S. Navy. He served on active duty until 1959. In 1977, he retired from the U.S. Navy Reserves as a commander.



Chapple

After completing his military service, he started his employment as chief metallurgist at Joslyn Stainless Steel Corporation in Fort Wayne, a position he held until 1972 when he and his wife founded the TNT Floral Shoppe.



On June 8, 1952, he was united in marriage to Carolyn Bowen. They made their first home together in San Diego. They lived in Monon and Roanoke, and moved to Laud in 1959. Three years ago, they built a new home west of Columbia City.

Mr. Chapple was a member of the Washington Center United Methodist Church. He was active on the board of both FTD and Teleflora. He was a former president and active member of the Whitley County Farm Bureau.

Surviving relatives include his wife, Carolyn; children, Linda Neidigh of Warsaw, Gary (Marla) Chapple of Columbia City and Judy Pelance of Millersburg; eight grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; two sisters, Kay Smith of Tippecanoe and Dianne (Leon) Juday of Lake Alfred, Fla.

Patty Lou Johnson, 71

June 11, 1934-Nov. 11, 2005

Patty Lou Johnson, 71, of Bluffton died at 4:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 11, 2005, at Lutheran Hospital.

She was born June 11, 1934, in Bluffton, a daughter of Hugh and Leona (Brown) Miller.

She spent her life in Bluffton, marrying James Johnson in 1952. She retired from the Kitco Company.

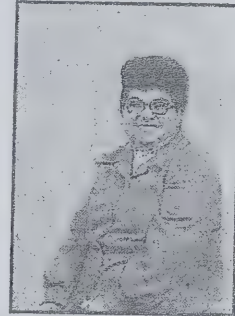
She is survived by her husband, James; two sons, Jeff Johnson of Columbia City and Kevin S. John of Uniondale; three daughters, Shirley Johnson of Tucson, Ariz., and Rhonda Johnson and Cathy Dublin, both of Bluffton; two sisters, Diane Elzey and Shirley Sommers, both of Bluffton;

17 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a son, James "Jimmy" Johnson; a sister, Joyce Miller; and three brothers, Bobby Gene, Marvin and Doyle Miller.

The memorial service is at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 15 at Thomas/Rich, Hewitt & Chaney Funeral Home at 308 W. Washington St. in Bluffton with Pastor Bud Abrams officiating. The family will receive friends between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be sent to the National Kidney Foundation.



Johnson

The funeral service is at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 15 at the Smith & Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City. Pastor Bret Frymier of Washington Center United Methodist Church will officiate. The visitation is from 2 to 5 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home. Burial is in the South Park Annex Cemetery.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to the Washington Center United Methodist Church. Condolences may be sent to www.smithandsonsfuneralhome.com.

Gable service

The funeral service for Shirley O. Gable, 68, was Friday, Nov. 11, 2005, at Smith and Sons Miller Chapel in South Whitley, with the Rev. Paul Burris, of South Whitley United Methodist Church officiating.

A variety of favorite selections played during the prelude and postlude included "Amazing Grace," "In the Garden" and "True Love" by Bing Crosby and Grace Kelley.

The committal service followed at South Whitley Cemetery. Casketbearers were Ted Easterday, Randy Striggle, Don Davis, Glen Auer, Ronnie Judd and Tom Kuback. Mike Kline served as honorary bearer.

Mrs. Gable, wife of L. DeWayne Gable and mother of Tammy (Steve) Shoda, Terri Gable, Jeff (Teresa) Gable and Tim (Tina) Gable, died Tuesday, Nov. 8.

Brown service

The funeral service for Mavis Brown, 84, was Monday, Nov. 14, 2005, at Smith and Sons Miller Chapel in South Whitley, with Pastor Marilyn Gebert officiating.

A variety of hymns were played during the prelude and postlude including "Amazing Grace."

The committal service followed at South Whitley Cemetery. Casketbearers were Rob Laux, Jeff Brown, Rick Brown, Darrin Walther, Doug Walther and Ron Brown.

Mrs. Brown, widow of Walter C. Brown and mother of Walter (Susie) Brown, Jr., Dennis (Barb) Brown, Joyce (Donald) Walther, Laura (Robert) Laux, Brenda (Tom) Smith and Jane (George) Howard, died Wednesday, Nov. 9.

Linda Sue Kuehner, 63

Sept. 30, 1942 - Nov. 15, 2005

Linda Sue Kuehner, 63, a resident of rural Albion at Bear Lake, died at 5:05 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 15, 2005, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne, following a lengthy illness. She had been a patient there for the past three days.

Born in Churubusco on Sept. 30, 1942, a daughter of James R. and Roberta (Green) Lambert, her formative years were spent in Churubusco. She graduated from Churubusco High School in 1961.



Kuehner

On May 2, 1975, she was married to Thomas J. Kuehner. The couple spent all of their married lives in this area and lived at their present home at Bear Lake since 2000.

Survivors include her husband, Thomas; six children, William (Diana) Streby Sr. of Columbia City; Carla (Jesse) Cress of South Whitley; Lisa (Tom) Wright of Fort Wayne; James (Kim) Streby Sr. of Churubusco; Christopher (Teresa) Kuehner of Bear Lake and Scott Kuehner of Cromwell; 17 grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a granddaughter and a great-granddaughter.

The funeral service is at 10 a.m. Friday, Nov. 18, at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco. Visitation is from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the mortuary. Interment is at Riverview Cemetery, south of Churubusco.

For those who wish, memorials may be directed to the American Cancer Society.

Condolences may be e-mailed to the family at sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

Mona Irene Schmitt, 81

Dec. 4, 1913 - Nov. 16, 2005

Mona Irene Schmitt, 81, of rural Columbia City, died at 11:25 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 16, 2005, at her home.

Born on Dec. 4, 1923, a daughter of Hubert A. and May (Miller) Ward, she graduated from Columbia City High School with the Class of 1941.

She and her husband, Harold Henry Schmitt, were married on Feb. 17, 1944, at St. Paul of the Cross Catholic Church in Columbia City. They lived in Columbia Township, moving to their family farm in Thorncreek Township in 1950. He died Oct. 29, 1968.

A homemaker, she assisted her husband on the family farm and later in life, she worked at Chateau Bleu as a receptionist.

She was a member of St. Paul of the Cross Catholic Church.

Survivors include her children, Susan (Tom) Edsall of Warsaw; Jane (Marvin) Goble; Patricia (Larry) Alles; Stanley E. (Susie) Schmitt and Steven M. Schmitt, all of Columbia City; 15 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and a brother, Gene D. Ward of Lathrop, Mo.

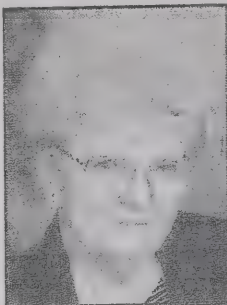
In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by a brother, Dale Ward, and a sister, Kathryn Barnes.

Visitation is from 2 to 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 18, at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Drive in Columbia City. A rosary service is at 7 p.m., with Deacon Joseph Zickgraf officiating. Funeral mass is at 10 a.m.

Saturday, with visitation one hour prior, at St. Paul of the Cross Catholic Church, 315 South Line St., Columbia City, with Father Larry Kramer and Deacon Joseph Zickgraf officiating. Burial is at St. Paul of the Cross Catholic Cemetery, Columbia City.

Memorial bequests may be given in Mrs. Schmitt's memory to masses to St. Paul of the Cross Catholic Church, St. Paul's L.I.G.H.T. Program or St. Paul's Kentucky Mission Trip Fund. Envelopes are available at the funeral home.

To send condolences to the family, sign the guest register or to light a memorial candle in Mrs. Schmitt's memory, please visit www.demoneygrimes.com.



Schmitt

Clarence Albert Shaw, 90

Oct. 18, 1915 - Nov. 16, 2005

Clarence Albert Shaw, 90, died at 2:40 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 16, 2005, at The Oaks Living Center in Columbia City, where he had been a resident since Nov. 1.

Born on Oct. 18, 1915, in Fort Wayne, he was a son of John Ervin and Edith Pearl (Boland) Shaw. In 1921, his family moved to a farm near Roanoke.

During World War II, he served as a radio sergeant in the U.S. Army.

On Feb. 5, 1943, he was united in marriage to Ada B. Clark. Following his discharge from the U.S. Army they made their home in South Whitley until 1966, when they moved to Columbia City. Mrs. Shaw died July 29, 1999.

He retired from Gripco with many years of service.

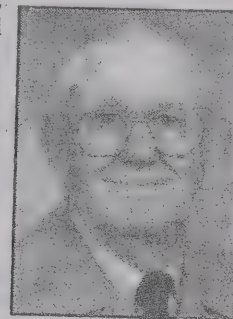
An avid bowler, woodcraftsman, fisherman and hunter, he was a member of the V.F.W.

Survivors include a daughter, Karen E. (Britt) Hyser of South Whitley; three grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

In addition to his wife, he was preceded in death by four brothers, Paul, Robert, John and Francis; and three sisters, Lois Coleman, Alice Eleas and Ruth Vodde.

The funeral service is at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 19, at Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City, with the Rev. Tom Coltrain, of Collamer Church of God, officiating. Visitation is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Burial is at Eberhard Cemetery. Military honors will be presented at the cemetery.

Condolences may be sent to www.smithandsonsfuneralhome.com.



Shaw

John Virgil Kreider, 74

Sept. 6, 1931 - Nov. 15, 2005

John V. Kreider, 74, a lifelong resident of Cleveland Township, died Tuesday, Nov. 15, 2005, at his home of natural causes.

Born on Sept. 6, 1931, in Cleveland Township, Whitley County, a son of John L. and Chloe Ethel (Reeg) Kreider, he graduated from South Whitley High School in 1949.

During the Korean War he served in Panama with the U.S. Army and was honorably discharged Nov. 1, 1960.

A farmer, he was a member of Centerview Community Church.

Surviving relatives include several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Liliah Kreider; a brother, Charles Kreider; and five half-

sisters; Hula Wantz, Gladys Alberts, Velma Hartle, Norma Willadean Baublitz and Mary Kreider.

The funeral service is at 2 p.m. Friday, Nov. 18, at Smith and Sons Miller Chapel in South Whitley, with the Rev. Roy Blake officiating. Visitation is two hours prior to the service on Friday. Burial is at Eberhard Cemetery. Whitley Korean War Veterans Honor Guard will present military honors.

Condolences may be sent to www.smithandsonsfuneralhome.com.



Kreider



David W. Doehrmann, 64

May 7, 1941 - Nov. 15, 2005

David W. Doehrmann, 64, died Tuesday, Nov. 15, 2005, at his residence in Wolcottville.

Born on May 7, 1941, in Fort Wayne, he was a son of Walter and Genevieve (Dunlap) Doehrmann.

A corporal in the U.S. Army, he was an account manager for Aramark Vending Co. Food Service.

He was a member of Messiah Lutheran Church, American Legion LaGrange Post 215 and enjoyed entertaining friends and family.

Survivors include his wife, Janice, whom he married on Jan. 1, 1964; sons, Kirk D. Doehrmann of Columbia City; Christopher A. Doehrmann and Charles A. Doehrmann, both of Fort Wayne; a brother, Douglas Doehrmann of Fort Wayne; a sister, Novelle Franklin of Venice, Fla.; four grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

The funeral service is at 10 a.m. Saturday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., Fort Wayne, with calling one hour prior. Pastor James Tews will officiate. Calling also 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Entombment is at Lindenwood Cemetery.

Memorials may be directed to Messiah Lutheran Church or Cincinnati Hope Lodge.



Kenneth L. Kline, 100

May 31, 1905 - Nov. 17, 2005

Kenneth L. Kline, 100, of Coldwater, Mich., died Thursday, Nov. 17, 2005, at Drew's Place in Coldwater.

Born on May 31, 1905, in Gaylord, Mich., he was a son of John and Mary (Laubly) Kline.

He married Catherine Brokaw in 1934 in Quincy, Mich. She preceded him in death in 1984.

Mr. Kline had been a resident of Branch County most of his life. He graduated from Eastern Michigan University, then earned his master's degree in education from the University of Michigan. He began his teaching career at the Coldwater State Home Orphanage, then taught English and history at Coldwater High School for seven years. He went back to work for the State Home and Training School as the athletic director for 39 years, retiring in 1969.

A former member of the Coldwater Presbyterian Church, he was a lifetime member of the Coldwater Elks, the Masons, Kiwanis and the Coldwater Exchange Club.

He was an accomplished pianist and enjoyed playing the piano at Elks ceremonies and various community functions and events. Mr. Kline was very active in the Boy Scouts obtaining the rank of Eagle Scout and then being awarded the Silver Beaver. Ken enjoyed making home movies and editing them. He was an avid fly fisherman and enjoyed collecting stamps and coins.

Survivors include two sons, Robert (Sharon) Kline of Coldwater, and Kenneth B. Kline of Batavia, N.Y.; a daughter, Mary S. (Mel) Warrick of Columbia City; a sister, Geraldine DeGolia of Battle Creek, four grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

In addition to his wife, Catherine, he was preceded in death by two sisters, Marion Bentley and Elizabeth Kline; and a grandson.

Visitation is from 2 to 6 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 20, at Dutcher Funeral Home, 440 W. Chicago St. in Coldwater. The funeral service is at 11 a.m. Monday at the funeral home, with Pastor Dustin Farmer of the Coldwater Wesleyan Church officiating. Interment is at Lakeview Cemetery in Quincy.

Memorials may be directed to The Boy Scouts of America.

Please visit www.dutcherfh.com to share a memory in the family guestbook

Chapple service

The funeral service for Robert L. Chapple, 73, was Tuesday, Nov. 15, 2005, at Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City with Pastor Bret Frymier, of Washington Center United Methodist Church, officiating.

Carla Frymier shared reflections and Michelle Maslowski, a granddaughter, read the poem, "Footprints."

Evelyn Zumbrun played a variety of hymns during the prelude and postlude including "In the Garden," "Blessed Assurance," "I'll Fly Away" and "Power in the Blood." Tim McGraw's "Live Like You Were Dying" was played at the beginning of the service and "I Can Only Imagine" was played at the conclusion of the service.

Congregational hymns were "Standing on the Promises," "Victory in Jesus" and "Battle Hymn of the Republic." Mr. Chapple's children, Linda Neidigh, Gary Chapple and Judy Pelance, sang "Praise God on High" during the service.

The committal service followed at South Park Annex Cemetery. Grandsons, Alan Chapple, Brian Chapple, Jordan Chapple, Rob Pelance and Christian Maslowski, along with Gene Smith, served as casketbearers.

Mr. Chapple, husband of Carolyn (Bowen) Chapple and co-owner of TNT Floral & Gift Shop, died Friday, Nov. 11.

Carl Eugene Kessler, 86

June 24, 1919 - Nov. 16, 2005

Carl Eugene Kessler, 86, of Mineral Wells, Texas, died Wednesday, Nov. 16, 2005.

Born on June 24, 1919, in Columbia City, a son of Vern and Lillian (Raoul) Kessler, he attended Purdue University majoring in engineering.

He joined the U.S. Air Force in 1940 during his fourth year at Purdue and went on to become an instructor pilot in the Air Force. He later met and married his wife Sybil and was discharged as a major in 1946.

The couple moved to Stephenville where he formed a partnership with Hugh Wolfe and they patented aluminum farm and ranch gates that are now used worldwide.

The Kesslers later moved to Mineral Wells where he expanded into the manufacture of towers and antennas, some of which were used in the initial space program. He participated in designing and constructing many local buildings in Mineral Wells including The First Christian Church, the local country club and airport. He contributed funds, property and his time to the betterment of his community.

He was a supporter of The Senior Center, Lions Club, Head Start and Day Care Program, as well as many others. He was an active member of the Lions Club, which he held dear for more than 50 years.

Carl was a brilliant man who lived a life driven by challenge and creativity. He was an adventurer and a "professional" problem solver. He was a man with a gentle spirit who loved his children, his family and friends. He cared deeply for his community and his current and past employees. Professionally, he was deeply respected and befriended by many. Carl never lost his sense of humor, his spirit or his will to live.



Kessler

Fett service

Pastor Barry Faucett officiated at the memorial service for Neal D. Fett, 71, on Tuesday, Nov. 15, 2005, at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home in Columbia City.

The organ prelude included "Love Lifted Me," "Wings of a Dove," "The Touch of God's Hand" and "The Old Rugged Cross," with "Forever and Ever, Amen" as postlude by Evelyn Stemen. Compact disc selections were "Wind Beneath My Wings" by Bette Middler and "Stairway to Heaven" by Led Zeppelin.

Mr. Fett, father of Rhonda G. Logan, Jennifer D. Butler, Alice R. Fett and Amanda M. Rigsby, died Saturday, Nov. 12.

The service was arranged by DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home.

One of eight children, he is survived by a sister Margaret Phillips of Fort Wayne; three children,

Ken, David and Carla; four grandchildren; and his foster grandson, as well as many nieces and nephews.

There will be a private family service. A memorial service is at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 22, at the First Christian Church, 302 Northwest 6th Street in Mineral Wells.

In lieu of flowers, it is requested that memorials be made to the donor's choice of charity or organization.

Arrangements were completed by Baum-Carlock-Bumgardner Funeral Home, P.O. Box 398, Mineral Wells, TX.

Marilyn E. Kimble

Well-known county artist

Marilyn E. Kimble, a long-time resident and well-known artist in Whitley County, died Tuesday, Nov. 15, 2005, at Lakewood Nursing Center in Hamburg, N.Y., after an extended illness. The Kimbles are former residents of Union Township.

Born in Allen County, she was a daughter of Glen E. and Grace L. (More) Burns. She became the fifth and last generation of the John More family to live on the western portion of the family homestead in Union Township. She moved there with her husband, Max A. Kimble, and their three children in 1964.

An outgoing person with an artist's gift, Marilyn was instrumental in the formation of the Whitley County Art Guild. In the early 1970s, she studied art education at the University of Saint Francis in Fort Wayne. She put her education to good use by presenting a series of art history lectures throughout Whitley County, using the extensive collection of slides of European art she had collected in her travels. She also gave art lessons and became the Old Settlers' Day artist, designing promotional postcards for many years.

Survivors include her husband of 62 years, Max; three children, Edward (Margaret) Kimble of Columbia City; Sarah (Gayle) Thelen of Orchard Park, N.Y., and Matthew (Mary Ann) Kimble of Pinckney, Mich.; 11 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and a brother, Dr. Edward Burns of College Station, Texas.

The funeral service is at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 23, at Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City. Burial is at Riverview Cemetery, near Churubusco. Visitation is from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to the Whitley County Art Guild.

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Kimble

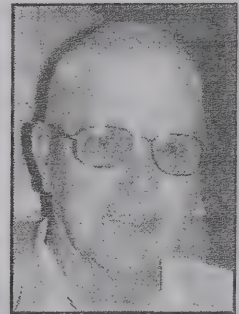
Jerald Lenard Wolfe, 69

Jan. 8, 1936 - Nov. 18, 2005

Jerald Wolfe, 69, of Fort Wayne, died at 12:33 a.m. Friday, Nov. 18, 2005, at his home.

He was born in Warsaw on Jan. 8, 1936, a son of Daniel Hobart and Selma (Anderson) Wolfe.

He lived in Tompkinsville, Ky., the last four years, Leesburg for six years and Syracuse for eight years. He attended Albion High School.



Wolfe

On June 30, 1956, he married Janette Fletcher in Columbia City. He retired from the City of Syracuse after working for the Street and Water Department for 14 years.

He is survived by his wife, Janette of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Ronda Babcock of Fort Wayne; a son, Kim Wolfe of Goshen; two sisters, Mary F. Prucinsky of Albion and Lenora L. Roos of Fort Wayne; a brother, Eugene Wolfe of Huntertown; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Raymond and Melvin Wolfe.

Visitation will be held from 2 to 6 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 20, at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Drive in Columbia City. A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. Monday at Sparta Cemetery with Pastor Gephart of Cook's Chapel officiating.

To send condolences to the family, sign the guest register or to light a memorial candle in Mr. Wolfe's memory, visit www.demoneygrimes.com.

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The funeral service is at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 23, at Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City, with Pastor Mark Need of Columbia City United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial is at Riverview Cemetery, near Churubusco. Visitation is from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to the Whitley County Art Guild.

Condolences may be sent to www.smithandsonsfuneralhome.com.



Kimble

Garland E. 'Old Buzzard' Bennett, 82

Nov. 27, 1922 - Nov. 19, 2005

Garland E. "Old Buzzard" Bennett, 82, a former resident of Collins and more recently a resident of Syracuse, died at 7:50 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 19, 2005, at his residence. He had been in declining health for some time and had been seriously ill for the past year.

Born in Collins on Nov. 27, 1922, he was a son of Justice Perry and Suzanna Lezeth (Bates) Bennett.

As a young man he served with the U.S. Navy during World War II.

He was married to Marjorie E. Ferguson on Jan. 30, 1945, in Whitley County. The couple spent most of their married lives in Collins until moving to their present home in Syracuse in January to be near their daughter.

A member of the Gilbert Davis American Legion Post 157 in

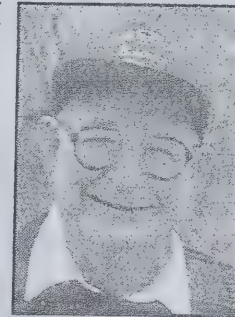
Churubusco, he was retired heat treat worker for International Harvester in Fort Wayne where he worked for more than 30 years.

Survivors include his wife, Marjorie; a daughter, Grace (Phillip) Sherman of Cromwell; three sons, Max (Laura) Bennett of Big Lake; Michael (Melissa) Bennett of Wolf Lake, and Gary (Debbie) Bennett of Peru; two brothers, Charles E. (Vesta) Bennett of Columbia City, and James (Shirley) Bennett of Fort Wayne; three sisters, Lavona Shelly and Rosalie (Robert) Steller, both of Mesa, Ariz., and Phyllis J. Beck of Garrett; 11 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

The funeral service is at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco, with the Rev. George Cecil of Cornerstone Wesleyan Church, officiating. The family will receive friends from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. today at the mortuary. Interment is at Eel River Cemetery, south of Churubusco.

For those who wish, memorials may be directed to the family.

Condolences may be e-mailed to the family at sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.



Bennett

Cecil W. Strong, 81

April 19, 1924 - Nov. 19, 2005.

Cecil W. Strong, 81, a resident of Churubusco since 1948, died at 2:15 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 19, 2005, at Byron Health Center in Fort Wayne, following a serious illness since June of this year.

Born on April 19, 1924, in Smith Township, Whitley County, a son of Charles W. and Lila B. (Raypole) Strong, he lived in the Churubusco area all of his life.

He was united in marriage to LaVon Disler on June 6, 1946, in Allen County.

He served in the U.S. Army during World War II and was a long-time member of the Churubusco Church of the Nazarene.

A tool cutter at General Electric Company for 42 years, he also owned Strong's Small Motor Repair Service for many years.

Survivors include his wife of 59 years, LaVon; two sons, James K. Strong of Fort Wayne, and Michael L. Strong of Churubusco; three grandchildren; two great-grandchildren, and two sisters, Lucille Proegler of Fort Wayne and Betty Adams of LaOtto.

The funeral service is at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco, with Pastor Paul D. White officiating. Burial is at Eel River Cemetery, southeast of Churubusco. The family will receive friends from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Calling is also one hour prior to the service Wednesday.

For those who wish, memorial contributions may be directed to the Churubusco Church of the Nazarene Building Fund.

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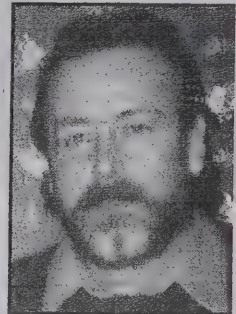
Glen Eugene Trumbull, 47

July 23, 1958 - Nov. 18, 2005

Glen Eugene Trumbull, 47, of rural Columbia City, died at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 18, 2005, at Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

Born in Columbia City on July 23, 1958, a son of Howard Wesley and Ruth Ann (Lehman) Trumbull, he graduated with the Class of 1975 from Columbia City Joint High School.

A lifetime Columbia City resident, he was employed by Dalton Foundry in Warsaw for 27 years and was an iron pourer worker.



Trumbull

Survivors include two sons, Michael Trumbull and Justin Trumbull, both of Fort Wayne; his mother, Ruth A. Trumbull of Fort Wayne; two brothers, Ronald L. Trumbull of Silver Lake and Rick A. Trumbull of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Deborah A. Thompson and Janet L. Ihnen, both of Fort Wayne; and a granddaughter.

He was preceded in death by his father.

Visitation is from 4 to 8 p.m. today, Nov. 21, at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Drive in Columbia City. The funeral service is at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the funeral home, with the Rev. David Mitchell of Memorial Baptist Church officiating. Burial is at Oak Grove (Compton) Cemetery, Columbia City.

Memorial bequests may be given in Glen's memory to Visiting Nurses & Hospice Home. Envelopes are available at the funeral home.

To send condolences, sign the guest register, or to light a memorial candle please visit www.demoneygrimes.com.

Betty A. Perlich, 74

Jan. 11, 1931 - Nov. 18, 2005

Betty A. Perlich, 74, of Churubusco, died Friday, Nov. 18, 2005.

Born on Jan. 11, 1931, in Columbia City a daughter of LeRoy E. and Oceal (Sheets) Rumsyre, she was a lifelong area resident.

A member of Churubusco Church of the Nazarene, Tawasi Extension Homemakers Club and Rebecca Lodge, she was a homemaker and had retired in 1987 from Smith-Green Community Schools in Churubusco, having worked on both the cafeteria and custodial staffs.

Survivors include her husband of 55 years, Clifford J. Perlich; three daughters, Virginia A. (Robert) Bair of

Kendallville; Teresa L. (Ted) Jones and Nancy R. Heeren, both of Fort Wayne; four grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Ernest Rumsyre; a sister, Bernice Kerch, and a grandson.

The funeral service is at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 22, at Covington Memorial Funeral Home, 8408 Covington Road in Fort Wayne, where friends may call from 2 to 4 & 6 to 8 p.m. today. Entombment is at Covington Memorial Gardens.

The preferred memorial is Churubusco Church of the Nazarene.



Perlich

Marjorie Ann Link, 79

July 21, 1926 - Nov. 20, 2005

Marjorie Ann Link, of New Haven, died at 5:45 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 20, 2005, at Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

Born in Huntington on July 21, 1926, she was a daughter of Ollie H. and Cathryn Anna (Sunderman) Link. Raised in Huntington, she was a former resident of Hammond and Indianapolis, with the majority of her life spent in North Webster. She graduated from Hammond High School with the Class of 1944 and attended business college.

She was employed by the Internal Revenue Service in Indianapolis, Homer Shoop State Bank and she worked with her father for Link Accounting in North Webster, eventually becoming the owner.

Raised Lutheran and she worked with the Lion's Club.

Survivors include several cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a half-brother, Gene Link.

Visitation is from 4 to 8 p.m. today at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Drive in Columbia City. The funeral service is at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the funeral home, with Edd Habeggar, a friend of the family, officiating. Burial is at North Webster Cemetery, North Webster.

Memorial bequests may be given in Ms. Link's memory to Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home. Envelopes are available at the funeral home.

To send condolences to the family, sign the guest register or to light a memorial candle in Ms. Link's memory, visit www.demoneygrimes.com.



Link

Karla Kay Rensner, 39

Jan. 26, 1966 - Nov. 20, 2005

Karla Kay Rensner, 39, of rural Churubusco, died at 11:58 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 20, 2005, at Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

Born in Huntington County on Jan. 26, 1966, she was a daughter of David Olin and Dorothea (Stetzel) Souers. Raised in Huntington County, she lived in Churubusco for 12 years and one year in Kimmell. She graduated from Huntington North High School and received an associate degree in accounting from International Business College.

She was united in marriage to Mark Richard Rensner on June 27, 1992, in Huntington.

A member of Sparta United Church of Christ, she worked for 20 years with Aunt Millie's in accounts payable.

Survivors include her husband, Mark; two sons, Jacob A. and Noah R. Rensner, all of Churubusco; her mother, Dorothy Souers of Huntington; her father, David O. Souers of Mississippi; her father-in-law, Richard R. Rensner and mother-in-law, Julianna J. Rensner both of Kimmell; a sister-in-law, Janet L. (Brian) Kreger of Noble County, and a niece.

Her grandparents, William Dale and Bernice Stetzel preceded her in death.

Visitation is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. today at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Drive in Columbia City.

The funeral service is at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the funeral home with the Rev. Curryanne Hostetler of Sparta United Church of Christ officiating.

Memorial bequests may be given in Mrs. Rensner's memory to Sparta United Church of Christ or Pleasant Chapel United Methodist Church in Huntington. Envelopes are available at the funeral home.

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Edward M. Sharp, 75

Sept. 27, 1930 - Nov. 22, 2006

Edward M. Sharp, 75, a resident of Columbia City, died at 1:40 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 22, 2005, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne where he was admitted on Nov. 17.

Born in Payne, Ohio, on Sept. 27, 1930, a son of Raymond and Essie (Bradford) Sharp, his formative years were spent in Paulding County. He graduated from Payne High School and completed the apprentice program at General Electric.

On Feb. 4, 1951, he was united in marriage to Rebecca J. Strebiger. They made their home in Payne, Fort Wayne, DeKalb, Ill.; Cortland, Ill.; Spartanburg, S.C.; Pickens, S.C.; Anderson, S.C.; Bluefield, W. Va.; and since 1971 have resided in the South Whitley and Columbia City areas. In 1974 they moved to Tri Lakes and in November of 1987, they moved to their Columbia City home.

He was employed at Majestic Corporation in Huntington, White Automotive in Columbia City and was presently employed at Tractor Supply Company in Columbia City.

His memberships include Columbia City Church of the Nazarene.

Survivors include his wife, Becky; five children, Steve (Sandy) Sharp of Hurley, Wis.; Marlene Rupert of Columbia City; Carol (Robert) Adams of Churubusco; Joseph (Lisa) Sharp of Roseau, Minn., and Janet (Brice) German of Auburn; seven grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; a brother, Everett Sharp of Rochester, Mich.; and a sister, Ermagene Strahley of Paulding, Ohio.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by an infant daughter, Amy Elaine Sharp, and a sister, Ethelena Dix.

The funeral service is at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 26, at Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City, with the Rev. Thomas Beers, of Columbia City Church of the Nazarene, officiating. Burial is at South Park Cemetery. Visitation is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to Columbia City Church of the Nazarene or American Heart Association.

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Her grandparents, William Dale and Bernice Stetzel preceded her in death.

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Memorial bequests may be given in Mrs. Rensner's memory to Sparta United Church of Christ or Pleasant Chapel United Methodist Church in Huntington. Envelopes are available at the funeral home.

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Lily June (Whitman) Hapner, 80

June 22, 1925 - Nov. 21, 2005

Lily June (Whitman) Hapner, 80, of Fort Wayne, died Monday, Nov. 21, 2005, at Parkview Hospital following a stroke.

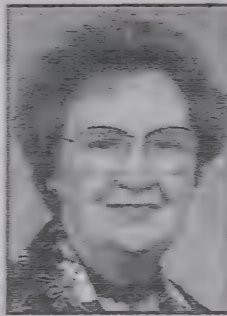
Born June 22, 1925, on the family farm in Continental, Ohio, she was a daughter of Jeremiah and Zelma Whitman, the youngest of four children.

On August 3, 1946, she was married to Calvin

Hapner. He died Oct. 19, 1990.

She retired from FWCS where she worked in the kitchen at Ben F. Geyer School. Following her retirement, she worked during the Christmas season at NISCO for many years.

A member of Tillman Road Church of God, she was a past member of the Whizzers Square Dance Club, a current member of the G.E. Seniors Bowling League and served as secretary-treasurer of the Village Bowl Seniors League.



Hapner

Survivors include daughters, Dianne (Ralph) Kwiatkowski of Blairsville, Ga.; Ravenna Hapner and Ruby (Richard) Swincher, both of Fort Wayne; sons, Calvin "Lee" (Pat) Hapner of Sparta, Tenn.; Randy (Laurie) Hapner of Fort Wayne; Ray (Melody Ellert) Hapner of South Whitley; and Rex (Lucinda) Hapner of Fort Wayne; a sister, Grace Ladd of Hicksville, Ohio; her special friend, Don Feaster; 15 grandchildren; three step-grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by two brothers, Lloyd and Clyde Whitman and a daughter-in-law, Janet Hapner.

The funeral service is at 1 p.m. Friday, Nov. 25, at Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Winchester Road Chapel, 6424 Winchester Road in Fort Wayne, with calling two hours prior. Calling also 6 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home. Burial is at Lindenwood Cemetery.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to the Tillman Road Church of God or American Diabetes Association.

Espich service

Pastor Bob Conelley officiated at the funeral service for Florence Espich, 82, on Saturday,

Nov. 19, 2005, at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home in Columbia City.

Organist Bernice Lauer included "Beyond the Sunset," "In the Garden," "On Eagle's Wings" and "Amazing Grace" as prelude with "Pennsylvania Polka" as postlude. Compact disc selections were "Holes in the Floor of Heaven," "Love Me," "It's Never Easy to Say Good-bye" and "You'll Be There." Releasing the bird of peace ceremony followed dismissal in the Angle of Hope Memorial Garden.

Casketbearers were Wayne Lauer, Jim Bower, Aaron King, Todd Auer, Dick Eckert and Ryan Jagger. Mrs. Espich was entombed at Covington Memorial Gardens in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Espich, mother of Judy King, Beverly Ress and Marcia Zeigler, died Thursday, Nov. 16.

Karen L. Corson, 62

Nov. 14, 1943 - Nov. 22, 2005

Karen L. Corson, 62, a resident of Columbia Township, died at 4:35 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 22, 2005, at Parkview Whitley Hospital in Columbia City. She had been in failing health for the past six months.

Born in South Whitley on Nov. 14, 1943, a daughter of Gerald R. and Jennie M. (Williamson) Lancaster, she graduated from South Whitley High School.



Corson

On Jan. 20, 1968, she was united in marriage to Robert L. Corson. They made their first home in New York, where she was employed at Fortune Offs while he was stationed with the U.S. Marine Corp. They then resided in Fort Wayne for five years and moved to their present home south of Columbia City in 1975.

Her employment also included several years at G.C. Murphy's.

An antique collector, she was a member of Whitley County 4-H, serving as a leader for Columbia Peaches for 19 years. She recently received the Distinguished Service Award for Whitley County 4-H.

Surviving relatives include her husband, Bob; a daughter, Shannon R. Corson of Monroe, N.C.; a son, Shilo O. Corson of Columbia City; four brothers, Robert H. Lancaster, Larry R. "Butch" Lancaster and Richard D. Lancaster, all of South Whitley, and Randall J. Lancaster of Henderson, Nev.; three sisters, Geneva E. Myers and Joan Stansbery, both of South Whitley, and Kay L. Lepley of Columbia City.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by four brothers, Donnel E. Lancaster, Gerald R. Lancaster, Merritt "Curley" Lancaster and Dale Keith Lancaster; and two sisters, Rosetomasene Lancaster and Nancy L. Lancaster.

The funeral service is at 11 a.m. Monday, Nov. 28, at Smith and Sons Miller Chapel in South Whitley, with the Rev. Gene Rohrer officiating. Burial is at South Whitley Cemetery. Visitation is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to Whitley County 4-H Clubs, Inc.

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Sharp

On Feb. 4, 1951, he was united in marriage to Rebecca J. Strebiger. They made their home in Payne, Fort Wayne, DeKalb, Ill.; Cortland, Ill.; Spartanburg, S.C.; Pickens, S.C.; Anderson, S.C.; Bluefield, W. Va.; and since 1971 have resided in the South Whitley and Columbia City areas. In 1974 they moved to Tri Lakes and in November of 1987, they moved to their Columbia City home.

He was employed at Majestic Corporation in Huntington, White Automotive in Columbia City and was presently employed at Tractor Supply Company in Columbia City.

His memberships include Columbia City Church of the Nazarene.

Survivors include his wife, Becky; five children, Steve (Sandy) Sharp of Hurley, Wis.; Marlene Rupert of Columbia City; Carol (Robert) Adams of Churubusco; Joseph (Lisa) Sharp of Roseau, Minn.; and Janet (Brice) German of Auburn; seven grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; a brother, Everett Sharp of Rochester, Mich.; and a sister, Ermajean Strahley of Paulding, Ohio.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by an infant daughter, Amy Elaine Sharp, and a sister, Ethelena Dix.

The funeral service is at 1:30 p.m. today at Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City, with the Rev. Thomas Beers, of Columbia City Church of the Nazarene, officiating. Burial is at South Park Cemetery. Visitation was 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to

Columbia City Church of the Nazarene or American Heart Association.

Condolences may be sent to www.smithandsonsfuneralhome.com.

Earl Wayne Stetzel, 69

March 7, 1936 - Nov. 24, 2005

Earl Wayne Stetzel, 69, a resident of Union Township, died at 8:15 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 24, 2005, at St. Joe Medical Center in Fort Wayne, where he was transferred from Lutheran Hospital on Oct. 13. He had been in failing health.

He was born March 7, 1936, in Huntington County, a son of W. Dale and Bernice (Rupert) Stetzel. His formative years were spent in the Huntington and Roanoke areas. He graduated from Roanoke High School.

On Jan. 14, 1959, he enlisted in the U.S. Army. He was honorably discharged Oct. 14, 1960.

He was united in marriage on Jan. 30, 1964, to Ruth Louise Hitzemann. They made their home in Roanoke for five years before moving to their present home in the Coesse area.

He was employed at International Harvester for 30 years, retiring on July 31, 1985. He was later employed at Walmart in Columbia City for five years.

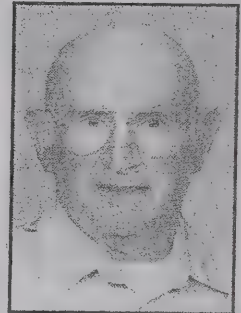
His memberships include Chain-O-Lakes Barbershop Chorus, S.P.E.B.Q.S.A. and a life member of the National Rifle Association.

Surviving relatives include his wife, Ruth; two sons, Todd (JoAnn) Stetzel of Big Lake and Terry Stetzel of Columbia City; a granddaughter; four step-grandchildren; two great-granddaughters; two brothers, LeRoy Stetzel of Huntington and Allen "Pete" Stetzel of Roanoke; and three sisters, Eloise Beck of Roanoke, and Nancy Buckingham and Dorothea Souers, both of Huntington.

The funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, Nov. 28, at Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City, with Pastor Rick Pride officiating. The burial will be in Pleasant Chapel Cemetery near Roanoke. The visitation will be from 2 to 4 and 5 to 8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to the Humane Society of Whitley County or American Cancer Society.

Condolences may be sent to www.smithandsonsfuneralhome.com.



Stetzel



Dorothy J. Meinzen, 85

May 5, 1920 - Nov. 22, 2005

Dorothy J. Meinzen, 85, of Fort Wayne, died Tuesday, Nov. 22, 2005, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Born in Fort Wayne on May 5, 1920, she was a daughter of John and Emma Belle (Pfeiffer) Knuth.

A homemaker, she was a member of Zion Lutheran Church in Columbia City and had been a Girl Scout leader for many years.

Survivors include her husband of 64 years, Elmer Meinzen; a daughter, Linda (Glenn) Gobkirk of Columbia City, and a brother, Ralph (Stella) Knuth of Fort Wayne.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by brothers, John Knuth, Walter Knuth, Richard Knuth, Norman Knuth, Charles Knuth and Russell Knuth.

The funeral service is at 11 a.m. Monday, Nov. 28, at C.M. Sloan & Sons Funeral Home, 1327 N. Wells St. in Fort Wayne, with visitation 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday. Burial is at Covington Memorial Gardens Cemetery.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to Zion Lutheran Church in Columbia City.



Meinzen

Schmitt service

Father Larry Kramer officiated with Deacon Joseph Zickgraf assisting at the funeral mass for Mona Irene Schmitt, 81, on Saturday morning, Nov. 19, 2005, at St. Paul of the Cross Catholic Church. Organist and pianist was Sister Rose with Rhonda Darley as cantor; hymns included "Come To Me," "Amazing Grace" and "On Eagle's Wings," with duets of "Be Still" and "Mansion Over the Hilltop" sung by grandchildren, Jessica Smith and Justin Alles.

Casketbearers were Justin and Jacob Alles, Steve Ferber, Adam, Brent and Andrew Goble, Tim and Scott Schmitt.

Mrs. Schmitt, mother of Jane Goble, Susan Edsall, Patricia Alles, Stanley and Steven Schmitt, passed away on Wednesday, Nov. 16, 2005.

Wolfe service

Pastor Gene Gephart officiated at the morning graveside service for Jerald L. Wolfe, 69, on Monday, Nov. 21, 2005, at Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell. Casketbearers were William Collins, Carl Whaple, Roy Maggard, Rodney Wolfe, Mike and Cory Dear.

Mr. Wolfe, husband of Janette Wolfe and father of Ronda Babcock and Kim Wolfe, died

Friday, Nov. 18, 2005, at his home.

Services were entrusted to DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, Columbia City.

Larry William Kile, 60

Nov. 21, 1945 - Nov. 26, 2005

Larry William Kile, 60, of Columbia City died at 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 26, 2005, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Born Nov. 21, 1945, in Fort Wayne to William L. and Rozella G. (Schnetzer) Kile, he has spent his entire lifetime in Whitley County. He graduated from Larwill High School with the Class of 1964.

He married Gayle Yvonne Pease on May 30, 1987, in Columbia City. He worked at Columbia City Municipal Utilities in City Hall, Essex, Viking, Columbia City High

School as a custodian, Power Wheels in Fort Wayne and the Dana Corporation in Columbia City, where he worked 10 years before retiring in 2003.

He has lived at his Union Township home since 1993. He was a member of the Troy Presbyterian Church.

He is survived by his wife, Gayle Yvonne Kile of Columbia City; two sons, Mike W. Kile and Joseph Charles Kile, both of Fort Wayne; two daughters, Pamela Sue and Lorie Ann Kintz, both of Fort Wayne; two brothers, Paul (Janet) Kile of Columbia City and Ed Smith of Avilla; and a sister, Mary (Ivan) Blaugh of Columbia City. He is preceded in death by his parents.

Visitation will be held from 1 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 29 at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Drive in Columbia City. Funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Troy Presbyterian Church with Pastors Christopher L. Thurow and Brad Baber officiating. Burial will be at Troy Presbyterian Cemetery, 6490 W. Lincolnway in Columbia City.

Memorial bequests may be given in Mr. Kile's memory to American Lung, American Heart and American Diabetes Association. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home.

To send condolences to the family, sign the guest register or light a memorial candle in his memory, visit www.demoneygrimes.com.



Kile

Shirley A. Miller

Nov. 2, 1935 - Nov. 26, 2005

Shirley A. Miller, 70, of Ashley, died Saturday, Nov. 26, 2005, at her home.

Born Nov. 2, 1935 in DeKalb County, a daughter of Jesse and Lola (Hefty) Surface, she was a 1953 graduate of Butler High School.

She was employed by GE in Fort Wayne for 25 years, retiring in 1995.

On Jan. 27, 1965, she married Russell McEntarfer, who died in 1965. Her second marriage was to George McKean on May 27, 1967. He died in 1974. Her third marriage was to Frank "Pete" Miller on Aug. 23, 1980. He survives.

Her memberships included St. Michaels Catholic Church in

Waterloo, Rosary Society of the church, Whitley County Amateur Radio Club, Ham Radio Operator, served on the Ashley Town Board for 12 years from 1970 to 1982, town board president for eight of the 12 years, member of Ashley's Economic Development Committee, Plan Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals.

Surviving relatives include two sons, Randy McEntarfer of Ashley and Roger McEntarfer of Columbia City; a step-son, Jim McKean of Butler; five step-daughters, Teresa Hawkins of Auburn, Juli Patterson and Shelly Kaufman, both of Waterloo, Nancy Gerber and Georgia Deurmond, both of Butler; a sister, Rose Gurter of Fremond; four brothers, Harold, Fred and Jerry Surface, all of Butler and Steve Surface of Albion; two grandchildren; 14 step-grandchildren and two step-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Sherry Annett McEntarfer and two step-sons, Jerry McKean and Brian Miller.

The funeral service is at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 29, 2005, at St. Michaels Catholic Church in Waterloo with Father Dave Carkenord officiating. Visitation is from 2 to 8 p.m. today at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo and also one hour prior to the service Tuesday at the church. At 8 p.m. today, there will be a rosary service at the funeral home. Burial is at Circle Cemetery, Hudson.

Memorials may be directed to the Ashley Fire Department or DeKalb Heart Association.

Howard W. Reid, 83

July 8, 1922 - Nov. 26, 2005

Howard W. Reid, 83, a former resident of Larwill, died at 6 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 26, 2005, at Miller's Merry Manor in Columbia City, where he was admitted in Aug. 2003.

A son of James W. and Carrie Louise (Hosler) Reid, he was born July 8, 1922, in Richland Township, Whitley County, just north of Larwill. With the exception of four years near Columbia City, his formative years were spent on a farm north of Larwill. He graduated from Larwill High School in 1940.



Reid

In 1942 he enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corps, serving during World War II. He was honorably discharged in 1946.

On June 15, 1946, he was united in marriage to Margaret Hidy. They always made their home in the Larwill community. Mrs. Reid died March 17, 2002.

A farmer, he was employed at the Farm Bureau for 25 years, 10 years of which he drove a gas truck. For three years, he was the petroleum manager and for 12 years he was the feed and animal health salesman for Noble and Whitley counties, retiring in 1983.

A former member of the Larwill United Methodist Church, he was a member of the Oak Grove United Methodist Church, Larwill Lions Club, Due Guard Masonic Lodge #278, Farm Bureau and American Legion Post #98. He served as Richland Township Trustee from 1970 to 1994 and was the Republican Precinct Committeeman for many years.

Surviving relatives include a son, Ronald H. (Margaret) Reid of West Port, Tenn.; three daughters, Sandra (Roger) Hossler of Larwill, Patricia (Max) Krider of South Whitley and Lori Reid of Royce City, Texas; a brother, Glen Reid of Columbia City; a sister, Arlene Kissinger of North Manchester; 10 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

In addition to his wife, he was preceded in death by a brother, Robert Reid.

Ruby L. Coy, 84

Nov. 28, 1920 - Nov. 23, 2005

Ruby L. Coy, 84, of Bradenton, Fla., died at 6:34 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 23, 2005, at the Casa Mora Nursing Home in Bradenton, Fla.

Born in Columbia City, Nov. 28, 1920, she was a daughter of George and Blanche (Mathews) Hearld. She spent all of her life in Columbia City, until she retired from Weatherhead in 1975 and later moved to Bradenton, Fla.

She was united in marriage to Ben Coy in 1976 in Columbia City.

Survivors include her husband, Ben; two sons, Larry (Nancy) Farber and Terry (Marold) Farber; two daughters, Rosalie Kay (Graham) Kleespie and Kerry (Roger) Barr; a step-daughter, Laura (Vee) Reed; a brother, Carl Hearld; 12 grandchildren, three step-grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren and nine great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, three brothers, one sister and two great-grandchildren.

There will be a memorial service at a later date.



The funeral service will be held at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 30 at Smith & Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City with Rev. Gene Rohrer, pastor of the Oak Grove United Methodist Church, officiating. The visitation will be from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Following the visitation, the Larwill Lions Club will present a memorial service and the Due Guard Masonic Lodge #278 will then present a Masonic service.

The burial will be in Lakeview Cemetery in Larwill with the American Legion Post #98 presenting military honors.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to Larwill Community Board or Larwill Lions Club.

Condolences may be sent to www.smithandsonsfuneralhome.com.

Willis DeWayne Bosserman, 79

Dec. 1, 1925 - Nov. 26, 2005

Willis DeWayne Bosserman, 79, of Columbia City died at 10:20 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 26, 2005, at the Oaks Living Center in Columbia City.

Born Dec. 1, 1925, in Fort Wayne, he was a son of James L. and Grace (Moore) Bosserman. He lived in Allen County until moving to Whitley County 45 years ago.

He attended school in Fort Wayne and Arcola, serving in the U.S. Army from 1944 to 1946. He married Viola May Wood on March 20, 1948, in Fort Wayne. He was a contractor for James L. Bosserman and Sons in Fort Wayne.

He is survived by his wife, Viola; two daughters, Renee L. (Kelly) Keller of Singer, Wis., and Liz L. (Joe) Martinez of Columbia City; a son, William J. "Billy" Bosserman of Columbia City; two brothers, Maynard (Helen) Bosserman and John (Jean) Bosserman, both of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Vernice Moore and Marinell (Richard) Fry, both of Fort Wayne; four grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his parents; one brother, James Bosserman; and one sister, Marvel Hoover.

Visitation will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 29 at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Drive in Columbia City. Funeral Service will be held at 3 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home with Rev. Berneice Herr, retired United Methodist minister, officiating.

Memorial bequests may be given in Mr.

Bosserman's memory to the donor's choice. To send condolences to the family, sign the guest register or light a memorial candle in his memory, visit www.demoneygrimes.com.



Bosserman



The following obituary is being reprinted to correct a name spelling.

Dorothy J. Meinzen, 85

May 5, 1920 - Nov. 22, 2005

Dorothy J. Meinzen, 85, of Fort Wayne, died Tuesday, Nov. 22, 2005, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Born in Fort Wayne on May 5, 1920, she was a daughter of John and Emma Belle (Pfeiffer) Knuth.

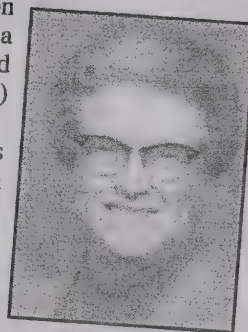
A homemaker, she was a member of Zion Lutheran Church in Columbia City and had been a Girl Scout leader for many years.

Survivors include her husband of 64 years, Elmer Meinzen; a daughter, Linda (Glenn) Hobkirk of Columbia City, and a brother, Ralph (Stella) Knuth of Fort Wayne.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by brothers, John Knuth, Walter Knuth, Richard Knuth, Norman Knuth, Charles Knuth and Russell Knuth.

The funeral service is at 11 a.m. Monday, Nov. 28, at C.M. Sloan & Sons Funeral Home, 1327 N. Wells St. in Fort Wayne, with visitation 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday. Burial is at Covington Memorial Gardens Cemetery.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to Zion Lutheran Church in Columbia City.



Meinzen

Richard "Rick" D. Farison, Jr., 57

July 2, 1948 - Nov. 23, 2005

Richard "Rick" D. Farison, Jr., 57, of Columbia City and formerly of Napoleon, Ohio, died Wednesday afternoon, Nov. 23, 2005, at his residence in Columbia City.

He was born July 2, 1948, in Wauseon, Ohio, the son of the late Richard "Dick" D. and the late Emily E. (Hinderer) Farison, Sr.

He was disabled due to a service-related injury while on the U.S.S. Kitty Hawk during his time in the Navy, where he received a Purple Heart. He was a U.S. Navy veteran, serving during the Vietnam era. He was a former dispatcher for the City of Napoleon Police Department, and formerly employed by Phillips Electronics of Indiana and C.C. Express Marathon of Columbia City. He enjoyed farming with friends for the past several years.

Surviving is one sister, Sandy (Stephen G.) Frouce of Napoleon; several aunts and uncles; one niece; and one niece and nephew.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Kent E. Farison.

Graveside services will be held 11 a.m. Monday, Dec. 5 at Riverview Memory Gardens, rural Defiance, Ohio, with military honors accorded by members of the U.S. Navy and the joint veterans posts of Napoleon, Ohio.

Friends may call from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 29 at Walker Mortuary in Napoleon.

The family has suggested that memorial contributions be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

Arrangements are in care of Walker Mortuary in Napoleon.



Madison Faith Schaefer, 6 months

April 28, 2005 - Nov. 22, 2005

Madison Faith Schaefer, 6-month-old infant, of Churubusco died at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 22, 2005, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Born April 28, 2005, at Dupont Hospital, Fort Wayne, she was a daughter of David Joseph and Amy (Mettler) Schaefer.

Survivors include her parents of Churubusco, three sisters, including her twin sister Payton Grace, Sydney Nicole and Jasmine Alise Schaefer, all of Churubusco; paternal grandparents, Joe and JoAnn E. Schaefer of Lakeland Fla.; maternal grandparents, Tom and Cindy Mettler of Columbia City; and paternal great-grandmother, Mary Schaefer of Payne, Ohio.

Visitation is pending at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Dr., Columbia City. A private graveside service will be held. Service information will be published when available this week in *The Post & Mail*.

Memorials may be given in Madison's memory to her family. Envelopes are available at the funeral home.

To send condolences, sign the guest register or to light a memorial candle, please visit www.demoneygrimes.com.



Schaefer

Shirley J. Schaefer, 67

Jan. 5, 1938 - Nov. 28, 2005

Shirley J. Schaefer, 67, a resident of Lake Township in Allen County, and wife of widely acquainted Lake Township farmer, Robert F. Schaefer, died at 4:15 a.m. Monday, Nov. 28, 2005, at the family residence. She had been in failing health for the past two years.

Born on Jan. 5, 1938, in Decatur, a daughter of Oscar and Lorinda (Hockemeyer) Koeneman, her formative years were spent on the family farm in Madison Township near Hoagland. She graduated from Hoagland High School in 1956.

On Sept. 21, 1957, she was married in Monroeville to Robert F. Schaefer and spent all of her adult life in Lake Township, living at her present home since 1988.

She was a member of Suburban Bethlehem Lutheran Church, west of Fort Wayne, the Industrious Dozen Home Economics Club and the Red Hat Society.

Surviving relatives include her husband, Robert; a son, Randy (Susan) Schaefer of rural Fort Wayne; two daughters, Cheryl (Keith) Wyss of Churubusco, and Shelly (Randy) Lewis of rural Fort Wayne; her mother, Lorinda Koeneman of Monroeville; a brother, Dennis (Eleda) Koeneman of Hoagland; a sister, Carol (Phil) Lydy of New Haven; and nine grandchildren.

The funeral service is at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Suburban Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 6318 W. California Road, with Pastors Tim Edwards and Lane Burgland officiating. The family will

receive friends at the church from 2 to 8 p.m. today, or one hour prior to the service on Wednesday. Interment is at the church cemetery.

Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco is in charge of arrangements.

For those who wish, memorials may be directed to the church or to the ALS Association of Indiana, 8021 Knue Road, Suite 110, Indianapolis, IN 46250.

Condolences may be e-mailed to the family at sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.



Schaefer

Keith Wortman, 66

Feb. 13, 1939 - Nov. 25, 2005

Keith D. Wortman, of Auburn, died at 6:20 a.m. Friday, Nov. 25, 2005, at his residence.

Born in Van Wert, Ohio, on Feb. 13, 1939, a son of Cleo W. and B. Irene (McClure) Wortman, he graduated from Ohio City Liberty High School.

He married Gloria Teeter on Nov. 15, 1959, in Monticello.

After high school, he worked for Frauhauf Trailers and Union Quarries before attending and graduating from International Business College in Fort Wayne. He worked for a brief time for two banks and spent the rest of his working life at the old Essex Wire which, through buyouts, wound up as part of United Technologies. He retired from United Technologies in January 2000, with more than 39 years of service. He also served two years in the Army.

He enjoyed woodworking, going to his grandson's baseball games and craft shows, playing golf and traveling in their motorhome.

Survivors include his wife, Gloria; two daughters, Shari (Steve) Parrish, and Rhonda Wortman; four grandsons; two brothers, John (Phyllis) Wortman, and Denzil (Kaulene) Wortman, a sister, Leila (Tom) Brown, and his mother, all of Van Wert.

He was preceded in death by his father.

A celebration of Mr. Wortman's life is from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3, at the LaQuinta

Inn, on Touring Dr. in Auburn. A pictorial video of Mr. Wortman's life will be shown at 12:15 p.m. Burial is at Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorials may be sent to the DeKalb County Chapter of the American Cancer Society or DeKalb Country Home Hospice, 1316 E. 7th St., Auburn, IN 46706.

Arrangements are by McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn.



Corson service

The funeral service for Karen L. Corson, 62, was Monday, Nov. 28, 2005, at Smith and Sons Miller Chapel in South Whitley, with the Rev. Gene Rohrer, of Oak Grove United Methodist Church, officiating.

A variety of hymns were played during the prelude and postlude.

The committal service followed at South Whitley Cemetery, Casketbearers were Eric Blank, Dane Drew, David Miller, Ryan Patterson, Ashley Nierman, Brandy Kyler and Trent King.

Mrs. Corson, wife of Robert L. Corson and mother of Shannon R. Corson and Shilo O. Corson, died Tuesday, Nov. 22.

Stetzel service

The funeral service for Earl Wayne Stetzel, 69, was Monday, Nov. 28, 2005, at Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City, with Pastor Rick Pride officiating.

Hymns played during the prelude and postlude included "Amazing Grace."

The committal service followed at Pleasant Chapel Cemetery near Roanoke. Casketbearers were Andy Hitzemann, David Elliott, Chad Radke, Willy Palmer, Jason Barron, Tom Stetzel and John Hitzemann.

Mr. Stetzel, husband of Ruth Louise (Hitzemann) Stetzel and father of Todd (JoAnn) Stetzel and Terry Stetzel, died Thursday, Nov. 24.

Sharp service

The funeral service for Edward M. Sharp, 75, was Saturday, Nov. 26, 2005, at Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City, with the Rev. Thomas Beers, of Columbia City Church of the Nazarene, officiating. Joe Sharp, a son, Janet German, a daughter, and grandchildren, Aryan Giammo and Jessica Rupert, shared special reflections.

Evelyn Zumbrun played a variety of hymns during the organ prelude and postlude. Brad Yoder sang "It Is Well With My Soul" during the service.

The committal service followed at South Park Cemetery. Casketbearers were Steve Sharp, Jordan Sharp, John Dunn, Gail Hull, Delbert Hipshire and Mark Davison.

Mr. Sharp, husband of Rebecca J. (Streb) Sharp and father of Steve (Sandy) Sharp, Marlene Rupert, Carol (Robert) Adams, Joseph (Lisa) Sharp and Janet (Brice) German, died Tuesday, Nov. 22.

Larry W. Morford, 70

Sept. 11, 1935 - Nov. 28, 2005

Larry W. Morford, 70, of South Whitley, died at 9:40 p.m. Monday, Nov. 28, 2005, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Born in Wabash County on Sept. 11, 1935, a son of Wayne L. and Mabel M. (Walther) Morford, he graduated from Chester High School with the Class of 1953, and attended

Whittenburg College.

He married Wanda (Hollars) Robinson on May 27, 1989.

The U.S. Army Korean War veteran was associated in the moving and trucking business, having worked with North American Van Lines and Global Van Lines. Most recently he was a warehouse manager for Metzger & Son Trucking Co., Silver Lake.



A member and elder at St. John's Lutheran Church, rural Columbia City, he was active in the Lutheran Men of Song Choir at the church. He was a charter member of the former North Manchester Optimist Club.

Survivors include his wife, Wanda; sons, Layne (Denise) Morford of Stockton, Calif.; Scott (Shelly) Robinson of Liberty Mills, and Jason Robinson of South Whitley; daughters, Kandi Davis of Montrose, Colo., and Melissa (Aaron) Kaplan of Huntington; a brother, Ted (Anita) Morford of Bozeman, Mont.; a sister, Janet (Tom) Zimmerman of Middlebury; and 13 grandchildren.

The funeral service is at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 3, at St. John's Lutheran Church, 2465 W. Keiser Road, Columbia City, with the Rev. David Mommenis officiating. Visitation is from 2 to 8 p.m. Friday at DeLaughter-McKee Mortuary, North Manchester Chapel, 1401 state Route 114. Calling is also one hour prior to the service Saturday at the church. Burial is at Oaklawn Cemetery, North Manchester.

Preferred memorials may be directed to Riley Children's Hospital or Lutheran Men of Song at St. John's Lutheran Church.

Condolences may be e-mailed to the Morford family at delughtermckee.com.

Trumbull service

The Rev. David Mitchell officiated at the funeral service for Glen Eugene Trumbull, 47, on Tuesday, Nov. 22, 2005, at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home in Columbia City.

Organist Evelyn Stemen included "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing," "For Those Tears I Died," "Memories" and "Bridge Over

Troubled Waters" as prelude, with "I'll Be There" and "Amazing Grace" as postlude.

A video celebrating Mr. Trumbull's life was shown before dismissing family and friends to the Angel of Hope Memorial Garden for the releasing the bird of peace ceremony.

Casketbearers were Ronald and Rick Trumbull, Stanley Thompson, Ron Oliver, Roger Jackson and Randy Creech. Burial was at Oak Grove (Compton) Cemetery, rural Columbia City.

Mr. Trumbull, son of Ruth Ann Trumbull and father of Michael and Justin Trumbull, died Friday, Nov. 18.

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Keith Wortman, 66

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Born in Van Wert, Ohio, on Feb. 13, 1939, a son of Cleo W. and B. Irene (McClure) Wortman, he graduated from Ohio City Liberty High School.



He married Gloria Teeter on Nov. 15, 1959, in Monticello.

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He enjoyed woodworking, going to his grandson's baseball games and craft shows, playing golf and traveling in their motorhome.

Survivors include his wife, Gloria; two daughters, Shari (Steve) Parrish, and Rhonda Wortman; four grandsons; two brothers, John (Phyllis) Wortman, and Denzil (Kaulene) Wortman, a sister, Leila (Tom) Brown, and his mother, all of Van Wert.

He was preceded in death by his father.

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Memorials may be sent to the DeKalb County Chapter of the American Cancer Society or DeKalb Country Home Hospice, 1316 E. 7th St., Auburn, IN 46706.

Arrangements are by McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn.

Link service

Edd Habegger, a family friend, officiated at the funeral service for Marjorie Ann Link, 79, on Wednesday, Nov. 23, 2005, at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home in Columbia City.

Organist Evelyn Stemen included "Nearer My God to Thee," "Whispering Hope," "No Night There" and "Old Rugged Cross" as prelude.

A video celebrating Ms. Link's life as shown before dismissing family and friends to the Angel of Hope Memorial Garden for the releasing the bird of peace ceremony. Casketbearers were Douglas Norris, Vince, Phil and George Hoopingarner, Rick Rudolph and Ross Halter. Burial was at North Webster Cemetery.

Ms. Link, former owner of Link Accounting, North Manchester, died Sunday, Nov. 20.

Rensner service

The Revs. Curryanne Hostetler and Linn Bartling officiated at the funeral service for Karla Kay Rensner, 39, on Wednesday, Nov. 23, 2005, at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home in Columbia City.

Organist Evelyn Stemen included "A Child of the King," "Because He Lives" and "The Wind Beneath My Wings" as prelude and "Beyond the Sunset" as postlude. Vocalist Lisa Shisler shared special music of "Amazing Grace" and "How Great Thou Art."

A video celebrating Mrs. Rensner's life was shown before dismissing family and friends to the Angel of Hope Memorial Garden for the releasing the bird of peace ceremony.

Casketbearers were Tom and Terry Stetzel, Brian Kreger, Stephan Rensner, John Pankop, Duane Smith, Steve Knepper and Dennis Linn. Burial was at Sparta Cemetery, Kimmell.

Mrs. Rensner, wife of Mark Rensner and mother of Jacob and Noah Rensner, died Sunday, Nov. 20.

Darlene Burns, 91

Jan. 25, 1914 - Nov. 29, 2005

Darlene Burns, 91, a resident of Jefferson Township, died at 9:33 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 29, 2005, at Parkview Whitley Hospital in Columbia City.

Born in Huntington County on Jan. 25, 1941, a daughter of Daniel and Effie Hyser, her formative years were spent in the Roanoke area.

She was united in marriage to Ralph H. Burns and they made their first home in the Roanoke area. They later moved to

Monticello and in 1940 moved to a farm in Aboite Township, Allen County. In the mid-1960s they moved to Jefferson Township, Whitley County. Mr. Burns died Oct. 19, 1973. In the early 1990s Mrs. Burns moved to Columbia City until becoming a resident at Renaissance Village 10 years ago.

She worked in the kitchen at Cook's Ten Pin for many years.

Survivors include two sons, Gerald E. "Jerry" (Iverna) Burns of Grabill, and Ralph E. "Ed" (Elaine) Burns of Columbia City; 12 grandchildren; 29 great-grandchildren, and 12 great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by a son, Larry L. Burns; two brothers, Robert Hyser and Charles Hyser; and a sister, Nellie Martz.

The funeral service is at 2 p.m. Friday, Dec. 2, at Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City, with the Rev. James Clifford officiating. Burial is at Glenwood Cemetery, Roanoke. Visitation is from noon to 2 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to the donor's favorite charity.

Condolences may be sent to www.smithandsonsfuneralhome.com.



Burns

Peggy (Marguerite J.) Buis, 81

Jan. 8, 1924 - Nov. 30, 2005

Peggy (Marguerite J.) Buis, 81, of North Webster, died at 10:35 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 30, 2005, at her home, surrounded by her loved ones.

Born on Jan. 8, 1924, in Muncie, a daughter of William J. and Gladys M. (Simpson) Sweeney, she was a 1941 graduate of Muncie Central High School.

On July 11, 1944, she married Dallas F. Buis, who preceded her in death in 1957. In 1958, she moved to the North Webster area where she raised her family.

Survivors include five daughters, Suzanne J. (Curtis) Shock, Alice E. (Ralph) Luce, Jane A. (Dexter) Shepherd, D. Kimberley (Phil) Smith, and Kellyn M. Buis, all of North Webster; three grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren, and a sister, Dorothea Rose Bump of Muncie.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by a brother, Marvin L. Coon and a grandson.

Visitation is from 9 to 10 a.m. Friday, Dec. 2, at St. Xavier Catholic Church, 408 West Catholic St., Pierceton, with the funeral mass following at 10 a.m. Father Bruce Piechocki will officiate. Burial is at Mock Cemetery, North Webster.

In lieu of flowers the Buis family requests donations be made to the New Hope Animal Rescue, 9326N 500E, Syracuse, IN or Kosciusko Home Care and Hospice.

Arrangements are by DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Drive in Columbia City.

To send condolences to the family, sign the guest register or to light a memorial candle in Ms. Buis' memory, please visit www.demoneygrimes.com.



Buis

Bosserman service

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Recorded selections included "On Eagle's Wings."

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Kile service

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Musician Carla Blakley included "In the Garden," "The Old Rugged Cross," "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" as prelude, with "All Hail the Power" as postlude. Brad Baber shared family remembrances.

Casketbearers were Brad Baber, Dennis and Rick Pease, Bruce Craig, Cliff Crockett, Craig Kimmel, and Mike and Joe Kile.

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Service arrangements were by DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home.

Rosemary C. Geary, 80

Jan. 5, 1925 - Nov. 30, 2005

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Born in Whitley County on Jan. 5, 1925, she was a daughter of Leo and Eleanor (Schmidt) Hine.

A homemaker, she was a member of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, New Haven.

Survivors include a son, Gregory (Lori) Geary of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Deborah Geary of New Haven; three grandchildren; three brothers, Robert Hine, Herbert Hine, and Leo Hine; and three sisters, Elizabeth Schlatter, Anna Margaret Gerdon, and Norma Geels.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 29 years, Frank in 1979.

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Preferred memorials are to Masses.

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Katherine Irene Nace, 90

May 10, 1915 - Dec. 4, 2005

Katherine Irene Nace, 90, of Columbia City, died at 12:21 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 4, 2005, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Born in Churubusco on May 10, 1915, a daughter of Frank Eugene and Clara Belle (Gebert) Deutsch, her formative years were spent in Collins, Smith Township, Whitley County. She graduated from Churubusco High School.



Nace

Following her marriage to Wilmer Garvin Nace on July 7, 1934, by the late Rev. Marion Shroyer, they established their home in Collins. In 1946, they moved to rural Larwill and in 1968, moved into Larwill and lived there until coming to Columbia City in 1989.

Retiring as a printer and riveter for the Viking Corporation, earlier she had been associated with Weatherhead Co., the former Fort Wayne Roger's Markets and with the *Fort Wayne News-Sentinel* as a rural delivery person.

She was a member of Oak Grove United Methodist Church and the auxiliary of Columbia City Order of Eagles Lodge 1906.

Survivors include three daughters, Connie Louise Ramos of McNeil, Ariz.; Linda Lou (Thomas) Tracy of Staunton, Va., and Sharon Kay (Joe) Geiger of Albion; four grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren; two sisters, Virginia B. Owens of Albion and Isabelle Maggart of Columbia City.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by sisters, Mabel Henderson and Crystal Shively; brothers, Clifford F. Deutsch, Gerald "Dick" Deutsch, Lloyd B. Deutsch and Virgil Deutsch.

Visitation is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 7, at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Drive in Columbia City. The funeral service is at 10 a.m. Thursday at the funeral home with the Rev. Gene Rohrer of Oak Grove United Methodist Church officiating. Burial is at South Whitley Cemetery.

Memorial bequests may be given in Mrs. Nace's memory to Oak Grove United Methodist Church. Envelopes are available at the funeral home.

To send condolences to the family, sign the guest register or to light a memorial candle in Mrs. Nace's memory, please visit www.demoneygrimes.com.

Richard D. Brower, 73

Oct. 13, 1932 - Dec. 3, 2005

Richard D. Brower, 73, a lifelong resident of Noble County, died at 8:22 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 3, 2005, at Parkview Whitley Hospital in Columbia City, where he was admitted early Friday morning.



Born on Oct. 13, 1932, in Ormas, Noble County, a son of William Frances and Ora Ethel (Bennett) Brower, he completed his education at Wolf Lake High School.

On Oct. 24, 1949, he enlisted in the U.S. Army, serving during the Korean War. He was honorably discharged Nov. 14, 1952.

He hauled gravel for Art Luther, did lumbering and logging and retired from International Harvester in 1982 with 25 years of service.

His memberships include American Legion Post 246 in Albion and V.F.W. 4717 at Wolf Lake.

Survivors include a son, Michael E. Brower of Cromwell; three daughters, Janet S. Brower of Osgood; Jerri L. Brower of Topeka, and Debrah K. Brower of Cromwell; five grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and two brothers, Paul Brower of Columbia City and Kenneth Brower of Texas.

He was preceded in death by three brothers, Donald Brower, Merle Brower and Charles Brower; and four sisters, Irene Brower, Esther Brower, Gladys Brower and Mary Parker.

The funeral service is at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 7, at Smith and Sons Funeral Home in

Columbia City. Visitation is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Burial is at Thorn Cemetery, Ormas, with American Legion Post 246 presenting military honors.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to V.F.W. Post 4717.

Condolences may be sent to www.smithandsonsfuneralhome.com.

Mary E. Feagler, 91

Aug. 24, 1914 - Dec. 3, 2005

Mary E. Feagler, 91, a former resident of South Whitley, died at 12:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 3, 2005, at Parkview Whitley Hospital in Columbia City where she was admitted on Dec. 1.

Born in South Whitley on Aug. 24, 1914, a daughter of Arthur D. and Ellen (Enos) Swank, she graduated from South Whitley High School.

On Dec. 7, 1935, she was united in marriage to Alfred R. "Fritz" Feagler. In 1943, they moved to their home in South Whitley and in June 2004, they moved to Columbia City.

She was employed at Farmers Elevator for 20 years, retiring in 1975.

Her memberships include South Whitley

United Methodist Church and the Order of Eastern Star 65.

Survivors include her husband, Fritz; two sons, Nick (Carole) Feagler of Burr Ridge, Ill., and Jim (Diane) Feagler of West Palm Beach, Fla.; a daughter, Becky (Philip) Weiner of Grand Rapids, Mich.; seven grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and a sister, Ruth Wilson of South Whitley.

The funeral service is at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 6, at Smith and Sons Miller Chapel in South Whitley, with the Rev. Paul Burris, of South Whitley United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial is at South Whitley Cemetery. Visitation is from 1 to 2 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to South Whitley Public Library.

Condolences may be sent to www.smithandsonsfuneralhome.com.



Feagler

The following obituary is being reprinted to correct calling hours. — CAH

Madison Faith Schaefer, 6-months-old

April 28, 2005 - Nov. 22, 2005

Madison Faith Schaefer, 6-months-old, of Churubusco, died at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 22, 2005, at Lutheran Hospital of Indiana in Fort Wayne.

Born at Dupont Hospital in Fort Wayne, on April 28, 2005, she was a daughter of David Joseph and Amy (Mettler) Schaefer.

Survivors include her parents; three sisters, including her twin sister, Payton Grace, Sydney Nicole and Jasmine Alise Schaefer, all of Churubusco; paternal grandparents, Joe and JoAnn E. Schaefer of Lakeland, Fla.; maternal grandparents, Tom and Cindy Mettler of Columbia City; and paternal great-grandmother, Mary Schaefer of Payne, Ohio.

Visitation is from 2 to 8 p.m. today at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Dr. in Columbia City. A private graveside service will be at Union Township Cemetery, 500 East, Coesse.

Memorials may be given in Madison's memory to her family. Envelopes are available at the funeral home.

To send condolences, sign the guest register, or to light a memorial candle, please visit www.demoneygrimes.com.



Schaefer

Jesse James Wilcoxson

— Dec. 2, 2005 —

Jesse James Wilcoxson, of Columbia City, died at 4:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 2, 2005 at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. He was born on Dec. 2, 2005, a son of Jason Donald Wilcoxson and Stephanie A. Dustin.

He is survived by his parents of Columbia City; grandparents, Paul and Pam Dustin of Columbia City; grandparents, Steven Klemm of Fort Wayne; Steve and Donna Judd and James D. Wilcoxson, all of Columbia City, and several aunts and uncles.

Visitation was 2 to 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 4, at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Drive in Columbia City. The funeral service was at 2:30 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home with Pastor John Cummings officiating. Burial was at Adams Cemetery, Columbia City.

Memorial bequests may be given in Jesse's memory to an organization of the donor's choice. Envelopes are available at the funeral home.

To send condolences to the family, sign the guest register or to light a memorial candle in Jesse's memory, please visit www.demoneygrimes.com.

David Edward Stauffer, 53

Feb. 13, 1952 - Dec. 3, 2005

David Edward Stauffer, 53, of Bothell, Wash., died Saturday, Dec. 3, 2005, at his home after a long struggle with cancer.

Born in Allen County on Feb. 13, 1952, a son of George Edward and Ruth (Thiele) Stauffer, he graduated from Columbia City High School in 1970.

Stauffer left his home town of Columbia City when he enrolled in the U.S. Air Force. After basic training he was stationed in Denver, Colo. for four years. That's where he met his wife, Claire Warbington, his roommate's sister, and they were married 28 years ago on Dec. 3, 1977. In 1978 they moved to Bothell.

For the past 12 years he was sales representative for Optical Cable Corp., based in Roanoke, Va. He enjoyed his work, amassed numerous friends in the business and was well respected by his co-workers and clients.

He loved sailing, skiing, traveling and especially music. He had an eclectic taste for attending the Seattle Symphony and listening to his favorite jazz albums. He also had a passion for airplanes, steam engines, World War II history, cats and raising two sons, taking pride in their academic accomplishments.

He became involved with the community through Everett Iwanis and Bothell Library Board, where he served as board member for 10 consecutive years. One of his favorite duties was participating in the Bothell Fourth of July parade, representing the Bothell Library.

He enjoyed his visits to see friends and family back home in Indiana and reconnecting with his roots.

Survivors include his wife, Claire; two sons, Miles Stauffer and Wayne Stauffer, all of Bothell; his mother, Ruth (Loren) Metzger of South Whitley; a brother, Dan (Marcia) Stauffer of Columbia City; sister, Dianne (Norm) Stangland of South Bend; and many nieces and nephews.

A memorial service is at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 10, at Bothell Funeral Home, 18224 NE 103rd Ave., Bothell, WA 98011.

Remembrances can be sent to his beloved Bothell Library, 3215 98th Ave., NE - Bothell, WA 98011; Children International Fund, P.O. Box 219055, Kansas City, MO 64121; or Hope Link, 6225 NE 87th St., Suite A-1, Redmond, WA 98052-3536.

A "Time for Remembering" will be held locally in Columbia City at a later date.

Local arrangements are by Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City.



Stauffer

Darrel Mullins, 70

Oct. 8, 1935 - Dec. 4, 2005

Darrel Mullins, 70, a resident of rural Albion, died of natural causes at his home on Sunday, Dec. 4, 2005.

Born in Floyd County, Ky., he was a son of Dewey and Elsie Mullins.

Specialist Five Mullins was a veteran of the U.S. Army for nine years, serving tours in South Korea, Germany, Lawton, Okla., and Whitesands Missile Range in New Mexico. Following his honorable discharge from the Army, he went into the automotive repair business, eventually opening his own business which eventually

closed due to his heart condition and subsequent surgeries.

Survivors include his wife, Mazel Mullins, whom he married on Sept. 6, 1991, in Albion; five children and three step-children, Darrel Jr. (Patricia) Mullins of San Diego, Calif.; Dale (Rose) Mullins of Wildomar, Calif.; Darrin (Jenny) Mullins of Virginia Beach, Va.; Scott (Stacey) Collins of Albion; Donny (Kate) Mullins of Avilla; Chris Jones of Wolf Lake; Dee (Debbie) Fry of Lafayette, Ga.; and Tony (Teresa) Hefner of Kimmell; 12 grandchildren; four sisters, Doris (Bob) Bering of Albion; Helen Reed, Pauline Vickery and Geneva White, all of Lavonia, Ga., and two brothers, Clineon (Linda) Mullins of Moorhead, Ky., and Vernon Mullins of Wolf Lake.

He was preceded in death by his parents of Himan, Ky.

Visitation is from 2 to 6 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 7, at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco. The funeral service begins at 6 p.m., with Pastor George Cecil officiating.

For those who wish, memorials may be directed to Cornerstone Wesleyan Church or St. Jude's Children's Hospital. Envelopes are available at the funeral home.

Condolences may be e-mailed to the family at sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.



Mullins

Eloise Souders, 95

June 28, 1910 - Dec. 4, 2005

Eloise Souders, 95, of Columbia City, died at 3 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 4, 2005, at The Oaks Living Center in Columbia City where she had been a resident since October 1987.

Born in Whitley County on June 28, 1910, a daughter of Joseph and Flora (Doonen) Hull, her formative years were spent on a farm northwest of Collins in Smith Township. She attended Columbia City High School for two years and graduated from Churubusco High School.

On Oct. 28, 1928, she was united in marriage to Leo A. Souders and they made their home in Elkhart for three years before moving to a home near Larwill. They then moved to South Whitley and later to Columbia City where they resided for 15 years. They spent seven winters in Florida until 1978, when they moved to Miami Village near Columbia City. Mr. Souders died May 25, 1990.

Employed at Blue Bell for 15 years, she was a former member of the Home Demonstration Club.

Survivors include two daughters, Glora (Russell) Armstrong and Marilyn Cobb, both of Fort Wayne; four grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; two brothers, Richard Hull and Gail Hull, both of Columbia City; and a sister, Helen Kreider, of Fort Wayne.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by a grandson; a great-grandson; a brother, Dale Hull, and a sister, Mary Craig.

The funeral service is at 11 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 8, at Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City, with the Rev. Becky Conelley, of Waynedale United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial is at South Park Annex Cemetery. Visitation is from 2 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to Waynedale United Methodist Church or donor's favorite charity.

Condolences may be sent to
www.smithandsonsfuneralhome.com.

The following obituary is being reprinted to correct information provided The Post & Mail. — CAH

Jesse James Wilcoxson

— Dec. 2, 2005 —

Jesse James Wilcoxson, of Columbia City, died at 3:08 p.m. Friday, Dec. 2, 2005 at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. He was born on Dec. 2, 2005, a son of Jason Donald Wilcoxson and Stephanie A. Dustin.

He is survived by his parents of Columbia City; grandparents, Paul and Pam Dustin of Columbia City; grandparents, Steven Klemm of Fort Wayne; Steve and Donna Judd and James D. Wilcoxson, all of Columbia City, and numerous aunts and uncles.

Visitation was 2 to 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 4, at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Drive in Columbia City. The funeral service was at 2:30 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home with Pastor John Cummings officiating. Burial was at Adams Cemetery, Columbia City.

Memorial bequests may be given in Jesse's memory to an organization of the donor's choice. Envelopes are available at the funeral home.

To send condolences to the family, sign the guest register or to light a memorial candle in Jesse's memory, please visit www.demoneygrimes.com.

Reid service

The funeral service for Howard W. Reid, 83, was Wednesday, Nov. 30, 2005, at Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City, with the Rev. Gene Rohrer, of Oak Grove United Methodist Church, officiating. Keith Krider, a grandson, shared special reflections.

A variety of hymns were played during the prelude and postlude including "In the Garden," "The Old Rugged Cross," "I Need Thee Every Hour," "Sweet Hour of Prayer" and "Go Rest High On That Mountain."

The committal service followed at Lakeview Cemetery, Larwill. Grandsons, Jim Hossler, Dennis Hossler, Keith Krider, Derick Reid, Jerry Reid and Steven Reid, served as casketbearers. Granddaughters, Pam Rumsey, Julia Sier, Holly Parks and Angela Day, were honorary bearers.

American Legion Post 98 presented military honors at the cemetery. Bill Wheeler served as commander and Dean Ramsey served as chaplain. The color guard included Frank Daniels as commander, Homer Wells, Paul Thompson and Paul Brower. The firing squad included Bill Hare as commander, Ted Hare, Bob Hearld, Bill Rea, John Slabaugh and Frank Frey. Joe Hare was the bugler.

The Larwill Lions Club conducted a service on Tuesday evening at the funeral home. Participating were Steve Walter, George Eberly, Thelma Eberly, Marjory Mathias,

Sirley Palmer, Kate Leffel, Doris Eiler, Pat Le, Herb Gaff and Sandy Gaff.

The Due Guard Lodge 278 provided a Masonic service on Tuesday evening at the funeral home. Jerry Yagel served as worshipful master and Dick Kessie served as chaplain. Others participating included Paul Rash, Milt Krider, Doug Leininger, Jimmy Gebert, Hal Tump, Harold Krider, Joe Simon, Jim Embrell, Walter Allard III, Harold Arnold and Get Simon.

Mr. Reid, the widower of Margaret (Hidy) Reid, and father of Ronald H. (Margaret) Reid, Sandra (Roger) Hosler, Patricia (Max) Krider and Lori Reid, died Saturday, Nov. 26.

Burns service

The funeral service for Darlene Burns, 91, was Friday, Dec. 2, 2005, at Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City, with the Rev. James Clifford officiating.

A variety of hymns were played during the prelude and postlude including "The Old Rugged Cross."

The committal service followed at Glenwood Cemetery, Roanoke. Casketbearers were Randy Burns, Jeff Burns, Brian Burns, Jim Burns, Rickey Marker, Dan Burns, Kyle Schinbeckler, Josh Fosnaugh and Jordan Schinbeckler.

Mrs. Burns, widow of Ralph H. Burns, and mother of Gerald E. "Jerry" (Iverna) Burns, Ralph E. "Ed" (Elaine) Burns, and the late Larry L. Burns, died Tuesday, Nov. 29.

Bowers service

The funeral service for William P. "Bill" Bowers, 87, was Monday, Dec. 5, 2005, at Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City, with the Rev. Carroll McNutt officiating.

A variety of hymns were played during the prelude and postlude.

The committal service followed at Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam. Casketbearers were Larry Larrew, Jeff Frank, David Rayner, Jeremy Kilgore, Tom Loe, Bill Kilgore and Mike Vanderford.

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Mr. Bowers, husband of Lula (Baker) Kilgore Bowers, and father of Janet (Larry) Brooks, Donna (Keith) Ott, Benita (Richard) Vanderford, Jane (Dave) Rayner, Norma Ruth (Steve) Hatfield, David (Margaret) Kilgore, George (Jane) Kilgore and Hugh (Evelyn) Kilgore, died Friday, Dec. 2.

Winifred Murray Hiatt, 85

May 8, 1920 - Dec. 5, 2005

Winifred Murray Hiatt, 85, of North Manchester, died at 11:30 a.m. Monday, Dec. 5, 2005, at Timbercrest Nursing Home in North Manchester.

Born in Bryan, Ohio, on May 8, 1920, she was a daughter of Edwin Yates and Olive (Noffsinger) Murray. She graduated from Bryan High School with the Class of 1938 and attended International Business College in Fort Wayne for one year.



Hiatt

She grew up in Bryan, moving to Rome City from 1957 to 1965, then Fort Wayne from 1965 to 2000 and North Manchester from 2000 to 2005.

She married Harold Hiatt in Fort Wayne. He died in 1982.

With 20 plus years of service, she retired from Price Waterhouse Coopers and Lybrand as a bookkeeper. She was also employed by Sylvan Lake Marine as a bookkeeper in Rome City for 10 years.

She was a member of the Order of Eastern Star and a past worthy matron of the Rome City Chapter.

Survivors include three daughters, Nancy Ann (Max) Jones of Anderson; Carole Baum of Bowling Green, Ky., and Connie (Dreher) Walkup of Syracuse; a brother, Dan Murray of Bryan; eight grandchildren, and 12 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by a sister, Martha Cooper and a brother, John Murray.

Visitation is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 8, at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Drive in Columbia City. The funeral service is at 10 a.m. Friday at the funeral home with the Rev. Jim Martin of First Church of God officiating. Burial is at Nolt Cemetery, Columbia City.

Memorial bequests may be given in Mrs. Hiatt's memory to the Alzheimer's Unit at Timbercrest Nursing Home. Envelopes are available at the funeral home.

To send condolences to the family, sign the guest register or to light a candle in Mrs. Hiatt's memory, please visit www.demoneygrimes.com.

Zelda H. Alford, 96

Aug. 21, 1909 - Dec. 5, 2005

Zelda H. Alford, 96, of Huntington, died at 6:20 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 5, 2005, at Miller's Merry Manor in Huntington.

Born on August 21, 1909, in Huntington, she was a daughter of John F. and Mary B. (Smith) Schoeff.

On March 8, 1931, she married Russell T. Alford. He preceded her in death on Jan. 8, 1994.

A homemaker, she was a member of Zion United Methodist Church.

Survivors include two sons, James (Joan) Alford of Syracuse and Jack Alford of Huntington; three daughters, Barbara (Gene) Biberstein of Bluffton, Sonja (Jerry) Holloway of Columbia City and Nancy (Dick) Rice of Huntington; seven grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; a brother, Eldon B. Schoeff of Huntington; and a sister, Betty Fullhart of Warren.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded by five brothers, Christy L. Schoeff, Ernest L. Schoeff, John A. Schoeff, Dewight E. Schoeff and Clarence L. Schoeff; and a sister, Mildred Schoeff.

Visitation is from 2 to 8 p.m. today at the Deal-Rice Funeral Home-Huntington Chapel, 338 E. Washington St. The funeral service is at 2 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home, with the Rev. Bill Rapp officiating. Burial is at Zion Cemetery.

Preferred memorials are to Parkview Hospice or Zion United Methodist Church.

Online condolences may be sent to: ricefun@comcast.net.

Roger J. Dick, 84

March 12, 1921 - Dec. 5, 2005

Roger J. Dick, 84, of Fort Wayne, a former resident of Columbia City, died Monday, Dec. 5, 2005, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Born on March 12, 1921, in Eau Clair Wis., he was a son of Shirl and Alice Dick.

He married Mary F. Shimp on Aug. 15, 1948, in Angola.

A U.S. Marine Corp veteran, he had worked for more than 40 years as a conductor for Penn Central Railroad.

He was a member of United Faith Presbyterian Church in Fort Wayne and he loved to golf.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Dick of Fort Wayne; daughters, Shari Bahleda of Munster and Beth Dick of Fort Wayne; sons, Gary Dick of Fort Wayne and James Marshall of Alexandria, Va; numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two daughters, Patricia Tholen and Sarah Sheets.

The funeral service is at 2 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 8, with calling one hour prior at Covington Memorial Funeral Home, 8408 Covington Road Fort Wayne. Calling also from 4 to 7 p.m. today at the funeral home. Burial is at Covington Memorial Gardens.

Preferred memorials are to Faith United Presbyterian Church in Fort Wayne.



Dick

Guy R. McCoy, 107

May 18, 1898 - Dec. 7, 2005

Guy R. McCoy, 107, a former resident of Churubusco, died at 1:53 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 7, 2005, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla. He had been a resident there for more than four years.

Born on May 18, 1898, in a log house in Green Township, Noble County, he was a son of Samuel Leslie and Nancy Ellen (Russell) McCoy. He was educated in rural schools in Noble and Whitley County and later in Churubusco.

On Oct. 21, 1922, he was married to Maxie E. Beavers in Churubusco. She died Aug. 22, 1985.

He spent all of his adult life in Churubusco, except for a three-year period when he was employed for Allison Air Craft in Indianapolis.

As a young man he worked at the former Harrold Chevrolet in Churubusco and also worked as a self-employed auto mechanic. He later worked at McCoy's Hatchery in Churubusco and retired in 1968, as a plumbing and heating installer for the former McCoy Lumber Company in Churubusco. Following his retirement, he worked for a period of time at Geiger Implement in Churubusco.

A person who had lived in three different centuries, he witnessed incredible changes throughout his lifetime. In May of this year at his 107th birthday, he stated that he attributed his long life to clean living. *"I never smoked or drank or cussed," he said, "and I went to church and Sunday School every week."*



McCoy

Mr. McCoy was a member of the Churubusco United Methodist Church.

Surviving relatives include a daughter, Gene Freeman of Albion; a son, Glen R. (Sherry) McCoy of Churubusco; a sister-in-law, Ruth Nestel of Columbia City; seven grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren and eight great-great-grandchildren.

The funeral service is at 10 a.m.

Saturday, Dec. 10, at Churubusco United Methodist Church, with the Revs. Christine Newman-Jacobs, E. Vaughn Powell and Brad McGuire, officiating. The family will receive friends from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco, or at the church one hour prior to the service. Interment is at Eel River Cemetery, south of Churubusco.

For those who wish, memorials may be directed to Visiting Nurse Service & Hospice, Inc., Provena Sacred Heart Home, or to Churubusco United Methodist Church.

Condolences may be e-mailed to the family at sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

Feagler service

The funeral service for Mary E. Feagler, 91, was Thursday, Dec. 6, 2005, at Smith and Sons Miller Chapel in South Whitley, with the Rev. Paul Burris, of South Whitley United Methodist Church, officiating.

Selections played during the prelude and postlude included "On Eagle's Wings," "Amazing Grace" and "In the Garden."

The committal service followed at South Whitley Cemetery. Casketbearers were Mike Feagler, Jamie Feagler, Michael Vatter, Rob Spindle, Glen Auer and Adam Levar.

Mrs. Feagler, wife of Arthur R. "Fritz" Feagler and mother of Nick (Carole) Feagler, Jim (Diana) Feagler and Becky (Philip) Weiner, died Saturday, Dec. 3.

Brower service

The funeral service for Richard D. Brower, 73, was Wednesday, Dec. 7, 2005, at Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City, with the Rev. Tim Kumfer, of Big Lake Church of God, officiating.

A variety of hymns were played during the prelude and postlude.

The committal service followed at Thorn Cemetery, Ormas. Casketbearers were Mike Brower, Kris Brower, Craig Brower, Tim Brower,

Rex Brower and Paul Brower.

Members of American Legion Post 246 in Albion, presented military honors at the cemetery. Participants included Jim Erdly, J.D. Moorhouse, Leonard Stepp as bugler, and the firing squad members, Dale Shultz, Stan Bonar, Roger Owen and Stan Strater.

Mr. Brower, father of Michael E. Brower, Janet S. Brower, Jerri L. Brower and Debrah K. Brower, died Saturday, Dec. 3.

Souders service

The funeral service for Eloise Souders, 95, was Thursday, Dec. 8, 2005, at Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City, with the Rev. Becky Conelley, of Waynedale United Methodist Church, officiating.

Hymns played during the prelude and postlude included "Ivory Palaces" and "Because He Lives."

Burial followed at South Park Annex Cemetery. Casketbearers were Michael Kreider, Matt Cobb, Jeff Hull and Terry Hull.

Mrs. Souders, widow of Leo A. Souders and mother of Glora (Russell) Armstrong and Marilyn Cobb, died Sunday, Dec. 4.

Sandra 'Sandy' Yordy

Sept. 25 - Dec. 7, 2005

Sandra Sue "Sandy" Yordy, 67, of Warsaw, died at 9:45 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 7, 2005, at her Warsaw residence.

Born in Huntington County on Sept. 25, 1938, she was a daughter of Lawrence W. and Evelyn L. (Burns) Linton.

She lived in Wabash from 1938 to 1968, North Webster from 1968 to 1977, Fort Myers, Fla. from 1974 to 1979 and Warsaw from 1999 to present. She graduated from Wabash High School with the Class of 1957 and she attended Ball State from 1957 to 1958. She worked at Wabash File and Supply, Wabash Magnetics, Sea Nymph Boat, Richards Restaurant and Kosciusko Community Hospital as a ward clerk.

She was a member of the First Christian Church in Fort Myers, where she sang in the choir. She was also affiliated and supported by West Point Trinity United Methodist Church, rural Columbia City. Her hobbies included music, poetry, painting, puzzles, reading, singing and bingo.

Survivors include two daughters, Amy (Larry) Barr of Columbia City and Kimberly Yordy Hochendoner of Hailey, Idaho; a sister, Ann Williams of Crystal River, Fla.; two half-brothers, Terry Linton of Van Buren and Kenny Linton of Warsaw; a half-sister, Linda Long of Van Buren; a step-brother, Jim Koontz of Sydney, Ohio; a step-mother, Waneta Linton Bald of Van Buren; two grandsons; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, Larry R. and Jesse Alan Linton; and a niece.

**Yordy****Glenn C. Hobkirk, 67**

Nov. 17, 1938 - Dec. 8, 2005

Glenn C. Hobkirk, 67, of Columbia City, died Dec. 8, 2005, at his home.

He was born Nov. 17, 1938, in Bad Axe, Mich. He spent 20 years in the U.S. Navy before discharging in 1977.

He was a member of the Fleet Reserve Association and V.F.W.

Surviving are his wife, Linda Hobkirk; a father-in-law, Elmer Meinzen of Albion; and two brothers, Donald Hobkirk of Saline, Mich., and James Hobkirk of Houston.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a sister, Alice Gasta; and two brothers, Robert Hobkirk and Earnest Hobkirk.

The service is at 11 a.m. Monday, Dec. 12 at C.M. Sloan & Sons Funeral Home, 240 N. Wells St. in Fort Wayne. Pastor James Haugen will officiate. Visitation is from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday.

Memorials can be sent to Parkview Home Health and Hospice, 240 S. Jefferson, Suite C in Huntington, 46750.

**Hobkirk**

Visitation is 6 to 8 p.m. Monday, Dec. 12, 2005, at West Point United Methodist Church, 4980 N. Etna Rd., Columbia City. The funeral service is at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the church with Pastor Karen Biddle officiating. Funeral arrangements were entrusted to the staff of DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, Columbia City.

Memorials may be given in memory of Mrs.

Yordy to Parkview Home Health Care and Hospice. Envelopes are available at the funeral home.

To send condolences to the family, sign the guest register or to light a candle in Mrs. Yordy's memory, please visit www.demoneygrimes.com.

Virginia M. Snodgrass, 70

March 3, 1935 - Dec. 9, 2005

Virginia M. Snodgrass, 70, of Etna Troy Township in Whitley County died at 1 a.m. Friday, Dec. 9, 2005, at Miller's Merry Manor in Columbia City, where she had been a resident since Sept. 14.

She was born March 3, 1935, in Churubusco, a daughter of George W. and Mildred M. (Hill) Krider. With the exception of a year in Noble County and five years in Union Township, her formative years were spent in Thorncreek Township. She graduated from Columbia City High School.

On Aug. 14, 1954, she was united in marriage to James R. Snodgrass. They always made their home on a farm in Etna Troy Township. Mr. Snodgrass died May 18, 2004.

She was employed at Bloom, Bloom & Fleck for 20 years, then Etna Troy School and later Whitley County Consolidated Schools.



Snodgrass

Surviving relatives include a son, Darl (Deborah) Snodgrass of Columbia City; two daughters, Cindy (Lynn) Bradtmueller and Debra Lock, both of Albion; eight grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; four brothers, Robert Krider, Richard Krider and Milton Krider, all of Columbia City, and Harold Krider of South Whitley; and a sister, Joan Simon of Columbia City.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by three brothers, Ronald, Raymond and Lawrence Krider.

The funeral service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Monday, Dec. 12 at Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City, with Rev. Curtiss Johnson officiating. The burial will be held at Adams Cemetery. The visitation will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

For those who wish, memorial may be made to Parkview Home Health & Hospice or the American Cancer Society.

Condolences may be sent to www.smithandsonsfuneralhome.com

Betty Jean Schrader Corbin, 84

Feb. 1, 1921 - Dec. 8, 2005

Betty Jean Schrader Corbin, 84, a resident of Columbia Township, died at 9:35 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 8, 2005, at The Oaks Living Center in Columbia City, where she had been a resident since September of 2003.

Born on Feb. 1, 1921, in Ohio, she graduated from Columbia City High School in 1938.

On Feb. 4, 1939, she was united in marriage to Denzil DeFoe Schrader. They made their first home on the Merritt Crowell farm in Union Township. In January of 1943, they moved to a farm on 400 East, which they donated to Purdue University in 1989. It is now the Northeast Indiana Purdue University Research Center.

In January of 1946, they moved to a farm on Raber Road in Columbia Township. For many years they rode and showed Tennessee Walking horses throughout the United States, earning top honors in many classes. Mr. Schrader died Aug. 27, 1990.

She was employed at Columbia Woolen Mill for several years. From 1972 to 1998, she traveled and assisted with the auction clerking process for Schrader Real Estate and Auction Company.

On June 3, 1994, she was united in marriage to William D. Corbin. They made their home on 100 South in Columbia Township.

Her memberships included Oak Grove Church of God, where she was a former Sunday school teacher, Vacation Bible School instructor and member of Mission Circle and W.C.S.C. She loved basketball and family activities.

Surviving relatives include her husband, Bill; a son, Rex Schrader of Columbia City; a daughter, Judy (Fred) Geyer of Columbia City; five step-daughters, Judy (Tom) Smith of Fort Wayne, Cindy (Jerry) Auer of Larwill, Susan (Russell) Swing of Lakeside, Calif., Janet Corbin of Wolcottville, and Joan (Bill) Sadilek of Monroe, N.C.; two step-sons, Larry (Susie) Corbin of Avilla, and Steven (Sue) Corbin of Columbia City; nine grandchildren; 20 step-grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; 12 step-great-grandchildren; and a sister, Vivian Cearbaugh Gordan of Fort Wayne.



Corbin

Eilean Meyer Allen Johnson, 89

March 10, 1916 - Dec. 10, 2005

Eilean Meyer Allen Jonson, 89, died Saturday, Dec. 10, 2005, at the Oaks Nursing Home in Columbia City.

She was born March 10, 1916 in Fort Wayne, a daughter of Lawrence and Estella (Brase) Meyer.

She was a co-owner of Allen's Restaurant for 27 years and Walt's Grill in Auburn. She retired from Tupperware.

She was a member of Emmaus Lutheran Church and the Faith Circle. She was also a member of a V.F.W. Auxiliary and Moose Auxiliary.

Survivors include her daughters, Marsha (James) Hedges of Huntertown, and Cathy (Larry) Hess of Churubusco; son, Gregory (Kim) Allen of Deltona, Fla.; brothers, Arden Meyer of Brownsburg, and Leroy (Helen) Meyer of New Haven; sisters, Nila (Ed) Goshert of Hudson, Roma June Minton of Fort Wayne, and Karen Moltzen of Austin, Texas; 10 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her first husband Walter E. Allen; her second husband Richard Johnson; a son, Steven Allen; two brothers; and one sister.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Dec. 16 at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Funeral Home, 1320 DuPont Road. Calling is 2 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Burial in Greenlawn Memorial Park Cemetery. Memorials may be sent to Emmaus Lutheran Church or the National Alzheimer's Association.

The funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 17, at Oak Grove Church of God, 2426 S. Raber Road, Columbia City. The burial will be in Oak Grove Cemetery. The visitation will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at Smith & Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, and one hour before the service at the church on Saturday.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to Oak Grove Church of God or Bear Lake Church of God Camp.

Condolences may be sent to

www.smithandsonsfuneralhome.com.

Robert R. Blanchard, 82

Jan. 15, 1923 - Dec. 9, 2005

Robert R. Blanchard, 82, of North Manchester died at 3:50 p.m. Dec. 9, 2005, at Lutheran Hospital of Fort Wayne.

He was born Jan. 15, 1923, a son of John D. and Edith E. (Bennett) Blanchard. He attended Silver Lake, Etna-Troy and Larwill schools.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force, serving from 1943 to 1946.

On May 2, 1947, he married Helen M. Geiger.

He worked at Dana Corporation of Fort Wayne for 22 years. He managed the Columbia City Dairy Queen from 1969 to 1974. From 1974 to 1984, he owned and operated the Corner Cupboard Restaurant west of North Manchester. He retired after 10 years with Ace Hardware in North Manchester.

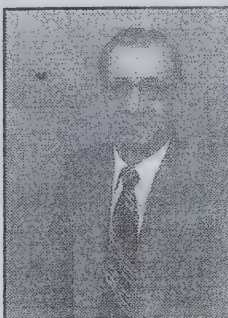
He was a member of the North Manchester United Methodist Church and American Legion Post 286 in North Manchester.

Surviving relatives include his wife, Helen; a daughter, Cindy J. Anglin of Claypool; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his parents; a daughter, Cheryl J. Jackson; seven brothers, Alfred, Leroy, Hayes, Franklin, Clifford, Paul and Phil Blanchard; a sister, Lois Houch; and a grandson.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 14 at North Manchester United Methodist Church with Pastor Fred Bishop and Mary Inderlied officiating. The visitation is from 2 to 7 p.m. Tuesday at DeLaughter-McKee Mortuary North Manchester Chapel. There is also a calling one hour prior to the service at the church. Graveside services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday in South Whitley Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Kidney Foundation of Indiana, 911 E. 86th St., Indianapolis, IN 46240, or to the North Manchester United Methodist Church, 306 E. Second St., North Manchester, IN 46962.



Blanchard



Donald Thomas Ruf, 57

Oct. 10 1948 - Dec. 8, 2005

Donald Thomas Ruf, 57, of Columbia City, died at 12:55 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 8, 2005, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was born in Kansas City, Mo., on Oct. 10, 1948, to Thomas and Betty J. (Golding) Ruf, Jr.

He graduated from Westport High School in Kansas City, Mo., with the Class of 1965. He attended University of Missouri in Kansas City for three years.

He lived in Kansas City, Mo., from 1948 to 1977 and Kansas City, Kan., from 1977 to 1984. He moved to Columbia City in 1984 and made it his home ever since.

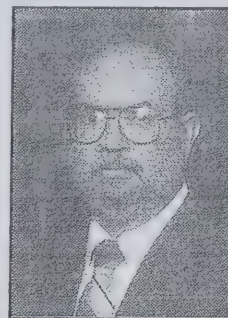
He was united in marriage to Georgia M. Marsh-Braden on June 24, 1977, in Kansas City, Mo.

He worked at Paragon Medical in Pierceton for 10 months, Zemco in Fort Wayne for six years and Preferred Technology Group in Columbia City for several years in the quality control department. He was a member of 10-10 International Amateur Radio Operators Association.

He is survived by his parents, who reside in LaCygne, Kan.; his wife, Georgia May Ruf of Columbia City; three sons, Patrick Braden of Fort Wayne; Jeffrey (Dawn) Braden of New Haven, and Anthony (Tara) Braden of Avilla; a daughter, Sharron (David) Wilkins of Fort Wayne; 10 grandchildren; a sister, Kathleen A. (Rodney) Cummickel of Garland, Texas; one niece and one nephew.

At the family's request, there will be no visitation. A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 13 at DeMoney-Grimes Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Drive in Columbia City with Rev. Judy Follis of Hope Lutheran Church officiating.

Memorial bequests may be given in Mr. Ruf's memory to the American Diabetes Association. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home. To send condolences to the family, sign the guest register or to light a memorial candle in his memory, please visit www.demoneygrimes.com.

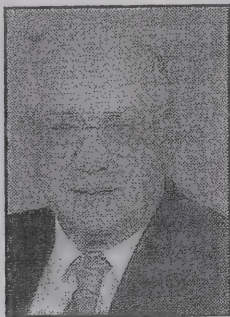


Ruf

Richard A. Kuehnert, 84

Aug. 24, 1921 - Dec. 10, 2005

Richard A. Kuehnert, 84, a resident of Lake Township in Allen County, died at 8 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 10, 2005, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne, where he had been admitted earlier in the morning. He had been in declining health for the past two months.



Kuehnert

Mr. Kuehnert was born in Lake Township on Aug. 24, 1921, a son of George and Elma (Klaehn) Kuehnert. He spent his formative years there, and graduated from Arcola High School in 1939.

On Aug. 17, 1946, he was married to Helen Fick. He spent all of his adult life in Lake Township and had formerly worked for the Allen County Co-Op for five years.

He owned and operated Kuehnert Construction from 1951 to 1970, until selling the business to Brooks Construction. He worked as a supervisor for Brooks Construction for 20 years, retiring from there in 1990. In his leisure time, he enjoyed volunteering at Lake Luther Church Camp and also doing woodworking.

A member of St. John's Lutheran Church of Lake Township, he had held various offices there and was a member of the Flying Circuits model plane club.

The surviving relatives include his wife Helen, to whom he was married for more than 59 years; four children, Arthur (Nancy) Kuehnert of Roanoke, and Roger (Tammy) Kuehnert, David (Karen) Kuehnert and Susan (Randy) Schaefer, all of Fort Wayne; a brother, Melvin (Dolores) Kuehnert of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Mildred Dettmer of Ossian, and Eileen (Paul) Domrow of Fort Wayne; a sister-in-law, Dorothy Kuehnert of Fort Wayne; and 10 grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, Herbert Kuehnert, and by an infant brother.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 13 at St. John's Lutheran Church, 7914 W. Cook Road, with Pastor Ralph Easterhaus officiating.

The family will receive friends at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco on Monday from 2 to 8 p.m., or at church one hour prior to the service. Interment will be in Covington Memorial Gardens in Fort Wayne.

For those who wish, memorials may be directed to Lake Luther Church Camp or to St. John's Lutheran Church in Lake Township. Condolences may be e-mailed to the family at sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

*The following obituary is being reprinted to correct information provide The Post & Mail.—
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Glenn C. Hobkirk, 67

Nov. 17, 1938 - Dec. 8, 2005

Glenn C. Hobkirk, 67, of Columbia City, died Dec. 8, 2005, at his home.

He was born Nov. 17, 1938, in Bad Axe, Mich. He spent 20 years in the U.S. Navy before being discharged in 1977.



He was a member of the Fleet Reserve Association and V.F.W.

Surviving are his wife, Linda Hobkirk; his father-in-law, Elmer Meinzen of Albion; and two brothers, Donald Hobkirk of Saline, Mich., and James Hobkirk of Houston.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a sister, Alice Gasta; and two brothers, Robert Hobkirk and Earnest Hobkirk.



The service is at 2 p.m. Monday, Dec. 12 at C.M. Sloan & Sons Funeral Home, 1327 N. Wells St. in Fort Wayne, with Pastor James Haugen officiating. Visitation is from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday.

Hobkirk

Memorials may be sent to Parkview Home Health and Hospice, 240 S. Jefferson, Suite C, Huntington, IN 46750.

Robert Edward Grable, 77

Dec. 1, 1928 - Dec. 13, 2005

Robert Edward Grable, 77, of Columbia City, died at 1:01 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 13, 2005, at his Big Lake residence.

Born on Dec. 1, 1928, at Wolf Lake in Noble County, a son of Homer D. and Ruth Alice (Barr) Grable, he was raised in Noble and Whitley counties. He graduated from Columbia City High School with the Class of 1946, and lived most of his adult life in Columbia City.

He served in the U.S. Air Force from 1948 to 1952.

He married Reva M. Banks Birchum on Jan. 3, 1982, in Columbia City.

Retiring in 1976 from International Harvester in Fort Wayne after 30-plus years of service, he worked for three years as a broker for Bohn and

Grable Real Estate in Columbia City. He was also the former secretary/manager of the Eagles Lodge 1906 in Columbia City for 21 years.

He was a member of the Columbia City Masonic Lodge 189, Scottish Rite, Mizpah Shrine 3185 of Fort Wayne, American Legion Post 98 and Moose Lodge 1063.

Survivors include his wife, Reva M. Grable; three sons, Barry (Karen) Grable of Fort Wayne; Roger (Jenny) Grable and Dennis Grable of Columbia City; a step-daughter, Kim Jo Jefferson of Tollboir, Ky.; three step-sons, Jammy C. (Kim) Birchum of Morgantown, N.C.; Chris Edward (Debbie) Birchum of Columbia City, and Steven G. Birchum of Monroe, Ga.; 13 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Wanda Rock; and a brother, Richard D. Grable.

Visitation is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 15, at DeMoney-Grimes



Grable

Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Drive in Columbia City. Eagles Lodge 1906 will provide a twilight memorial service at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. The funeral service is at 10 a.m. Friday at the funeral home with Pastor Bill Smith, of Freewill Baptist Church, officiating. Burial is at Thorn Cemetery, Ormas.

Memorial bequests may be given in Mr. Grable's memory to the American Heart or American Cancer Society. Envelopes are available at the funeral home.

To send condolences to the family, sign the guest register or to light a memorial candle in Mr. Grable's memory, please visit www.demoneygrimes.com

Nace service

The Rev. Gene Rohrer officiated at the funeral service for Katherine I. Nace, 90, on Thursday, Dec. 8, 2005, at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home in Columbia City.

Organist Evelyn Stemen included "Good Night and Good Morning," "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere" and "In the Sweet By and By" as prelude, with an organ solo of "Beyond the Sunset" during the service. Recorded selections of "In My Daughter's Eye" by Melissa Geiger and "The Rose" were played with "The Love of God" played as an organ postlude. A video celebrating Mrs. Nace's life was shown before dismissing family and friends.

Casketbearers were Jeff Geiger, Tom Tracy Jr., Don and Gary Deutsch, Mike Shively and Jim Maggart. Honorary bearer was Drake Geiger. Burial was at South Whitley Cemetery.

Mrs. Nace, mother of Connie Ramos; Linda Tracy and Sharon Geiger, died Sunday, Dec. 4.

Helen Cornelius, 87

Dec. 2, 1918 - Dec. 13, 2005

Helen Cornelius, 87, formerly of Columbia City, died at 8:45 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 13, 2005, at St. Vincent's Hospice Home in Indianapolis.

Born on Dec. 2, 1918, in Pierceton, a daughter of Royce and Erma Rachel (Miller) Clover, her formative years were spent in Pierceton where she graduated from high school. She completed her education at the Laura Lee Beauty College and was a hair dresser for more than 50 years.

On Jan. 30, 1942, she was united in marriage to Lewis Edwin Cornelius and they made their home in Fort Wayne until 1974, when they moved to the family farm at Wilson Lake. They spent the winter months in Apache Junction, Ariz.

Since the death of her husband on March 21, 1997, she has made her home at the Meridian Oaks Assisted Living in Indianapolis.

Her church affiliation was with Troy Presbyterian Church.

Survivors include two daughters, Diane Sue Cornelius of Silver City, N.M., and Kittie C. (James) Kubacki of Indianapolis; a son, Terry L. (Melodie) Cornelius of Auburn; eight grandchildren; four great-grandchildren, and a sister-in-law, Lucile Frank of Fort Wayne.

The funeral service is at 2 p.m. Saturday at Smith & Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City, with Dr. Steven Connor, pastor of Covenant United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial is at South Park Annex Cemetery. Visitation is two hours prior to the service Saturday.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to the St. Vincent's Hospice, 8450 N. Payne Road, Suite 100, Indianapolis, IN 46268.

Hiatt service

The Rev. Jim Martin officiated at the funeral service for Winifred M. Hiatt, 85, on Friday, Dec. 9, 2005, at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home in Columbia City.

The organ prelude included "The Old Rugged Cross," "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing," "Joy to the World" and "How Great Thou Art," with "Star of the East," "Follow the Gleam" and "When They Ring the Golden Bells" as organ solos and "San Antonio Rose" and "O Holy Night" as postlude by Evelyn Stemen. Angela McCullough, vocalist, sang "Amazing Grace." A video tribute celebrating Mrs. Hiatt's life was shown before dismissing family and friends.

DeMoney-Grimes Funeral Home staff served as casketbearers with private burial at Nolt Cemetery, rural Columbia City.

Mrs. Hiatt, mother of Nancy Jones, Carole Baum and Conni Walkup, died Monday, Dec. 5.

Evelyn G. Geiger, 70

Feb. 9, 1935 - Dec. 14, 2005

Evelyn G. Geiger, 70, a resident of Churubusco and wife of Gene L. Geiger, was pronounced dead on arrival at Osceola Regional Medical Center in Kissimmee, Fla., on Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 14, 2005, after suffering an apparent heart attack.



Geiger

She was born Feb. 9, 1935, in Churubusco, a daughter of Charles W. and Genevieve M. (Lothamer) Brendel.

She spent her formative years in Churubusco and graduated from Churubusco High School in 1953.

Her marriage took place April 11, 1953, at Ege. The couple lived all of their adult lives in Churubusco. They wintered in Florida for the past 11 years.

She worked as a personnel assistant at BRC Rubber and Plastics, Inc. in Churubusco for 10 years, retiring in 1996.

A member of St. John Bosco Catholic Church in Churubusco and its Rosary Sodality, she also belonged to the Fort Wayne Christian Women's Club, its prayer breakfast and Bible study. In her leisure time, she enjoyed worldwide travel, shopping, garage sales and

wintering in Florida. She was especially fond of her faith and family.

Surviving besides her husband are seven children, Terry L. (Dana) Geiger of Avilla, Cynthia (Mark) Stangland of Albion, and Charlene (William) Rogers of Frankfort; Carolyn (Daryl) Erwin, David L. (Debra) Geiger, Connie (Gary) Gordon and Darrin E. (Kelly) Geiger, all of Churubusco; three sisters, Bernice (Robert) Love of Fort Wayne, and Margaret (Inn) Bolen and Pauline (Richard) Kettleborough, both of Churubusco; and two brothers, Ervin C. (Jean) Brendel and Earl W. Brendel, both of Churubusco.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a son, Steven L. Geiger.

The Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Monday, Dec. 19, at St. John Bosco Catholic Church in Churubusco, with Father Danney Pinto as the celebrant.

The family will receive friends at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco from 2 to 8 p.m. Sunday. The Rosary will be recited at 8 p.m. Sunday at the mortuary. Interment will be in the Christian Chapel in Merriam.

For those who wish, memorials may be directed for Masses or to Give Kids the World, 210 S. Bass Road, Kissimmee, FL 34646.

Condolences may be e-mailed to the family at sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

Frederick Allen Dellinger, 69

Sept. 8, 1936 - Dec. 16, 2005

Frederick Allen Dellinger, 69, of rural Columbia

City, died at 8:42 p.m. Friday, Dec. 16, 2005, at Parkview Whitley Hospital in Columbia City.

Born on Sept. 8, 1936, in Columbia City, he was a son of George Frederick and Marietta (Meyer) Dellinger. He lived in several locations during his childhood, including Decatur, and since 1968, he has been a Whitley County resident. He attended Decatur High School.

On Oct. 30, 1954, he was united in marriage to Mary Helen Gramelspacher in Bluffton.

He was a foundry worker for 30 years with Zollner Corporation in Fort Wayne, retiring in 1988.

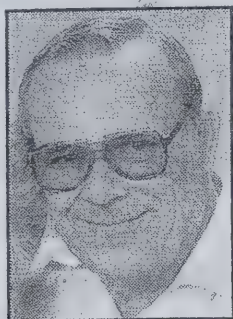
A member of the Columbia City Moose Lodge 189 and Eagles Lodge 1906, his hobbies included gardening. During his retirement, he delivered Meals on Wheels to local resident for several years.

Survivors include his wife, Mary; three sons, Frederick R. "Randy" (Debra) Dellinger and Donald Kevin (Rhonda) Dellinger, both of Columbia City, and Russell Todd (Randy Bonewitz) Dellinger of North Manchester; his father, George Frederick Dellinger of Decatur; nine grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; two brothers, Steven (Nancy) Dellinger of Hillard, Ohio, and Herman (Pat) Dellinger of Eden, Ohio; and two sisters, Marlene (Don) Melching of Decatur, and Carol Clouse of Fremont.

His mother, Marietta Dellinger, and two granddaughters, preceded him in death.

Visitation is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 20, with an Eagles Lodge twilight memorial service at 7:30 p.m. at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Drive in Columbia City. The funeral service is at 1 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home with Pastor Lane Burgland of Faith Lutheran Church in Churubusco, and Pastor David Wagner, Whitley County Sheriff's Department chaplain, officiating.

To send condolences to the family, sign the guest register or to light a memorial candle in Mr. Dellinger's memory, please visit www.demoneygrimes.com.



Dellinger

Virginia Briggs Martin, 89

Jan. 13, 1916 - Dec. 17, 2005

Virginia Briggs Martin, 89, of rural Columbia City, died at her residence at 12:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 17, 2005.

Born on Jan. 13, 1916, in Elkhart County, a daughter of Arthur G. and Genevieve (Bovee) Briggs, her formative years were spent in Elkhart County where she graduated from Elkhart High School. She took numerous career courses with the United States Government, which led to a GS12 level.

She moved to Chicago in 1936, after her marriage to John Thomas Martin on Sept. 12, 1936, in Wabash. They moved to Norfolk, Va., in 1943 and to Miami in 1956. In 1978, she moved to Branson, Mo., then to Warrensburg, Mo. In 2002, she moved to

Crestview, Fla., and came to Columbia City two months ago to be near family.

She retired in 1975, where she had been employed with the Federal Government working in Norfolk, Va., for the Army Corps of Engineer, then with the FAA in Miami and the U.S. Coast Guard. In 1960, she was voted one out of 10 of Miami's "Best Dress Career Woman."

She was a member of the Catholic Church and the National Association of Retired Federal Employees.

Survivors include a daughter, Dainn (Robert) Stokoe of Columbia City; three nephews; four nieces, and a God-grandson.

In addition to her parents and her husband of 60 years, John Thomas Martin, she was preceded in death by a daughter, Therese "Terry" Francia Martin; and five brothers, Robert Briggs, Jack Briggs, Richard Briggs, Harland Briggs and Raymond Briggs.

The funeral mass was at 10 a.m. today at St. Paul of the Cross Catholic Church in Columbia City, with Father Larry Kramer and Deacon Joseph Zickgraf officiating. Burial is at St. Paul of the Cross Catholic Cemetery, Columbia City.

Funeral arrangements were entrusted to the staff of DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home in Columbia City.

Memorial gifts may be given in Mrs. Martin's memory to the American Lung Association.

To send condolences to the family, sign the guest register or to light a memorial candle in Mrs. Martin's memory, please visit www.demoneygrimes.com.



Martin

The following obituary is being reprinted to include additional survivors. — CAH

Evelyn G. Geiger, 70

Feb. 9, 1935 - Dec. 14, 2005

Evelyn G. Geiger, 70, a resident of Churubusco and wife of Gene L. Geiger, was pronounced dead on arrival at Osceola Regional Medical Center in Kissimmee, Fla., on Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 14, 2005, after suffering an apparent heart attack.

She was born Feb. 9, 1935, in Churubusco, a daughter of Charles W. and Genevieve M. (Lothamer) Brendel. She spent her formative years in Churubusco and graduated from Churubusco High School in 1953.

Her marriage took place April 11, 1953, at Ege. The couple lived all of their adult lives in Churubusco. They wintered in Florida for the past 11 years.

She worked as a personnel assistant at BRC Rubber and Plastics, Inc. in Churubusco for 10 years, retiring in 1996.

A member of St. John Bosco Catholic Church in Churubusco and its Rosary Sodality, she also belonged to the Fort Wayne Christian Women's Club, its prayer breakfast and Bible study. In her leisure time, she enjoyed worldwide travel, shopping, garage sales and wintering in Florida. She was especially fond of her faith and family.

Surviving besides her husband are seven children, Terry L. (Dana) Geiger of Avilla, Cynthia (Mark) Stangland of Albion, and Charlene (William) Rogers of Frankfort, Carolyn (Daryl) Erwin, David L. (Debra) Geiger, Connie (Gary) Gordon and Darrin E. (Kelly) Geiger, all of Churubusco; three sisters, Bernice (Robert) Love of Fort Wayne, and Margaret (Inn) Bolen and Pauline (Richard) Kettleborough, both of Churubusco; and two brothers, Ervin C. (Jean) Brendel and Earl W. Brendel, both of Churubusco; her father-in-law, Emanuel Geiger of Churubusco; five brothers-in-law; six sisters-in-law; 24 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; three step-grandchildren and three step-great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a son, Steven L. Geiger.



Geiger

Peggy Sue (Corkhill) Bowers, 58

April 14, 1947 - Dec. 16, 2005

Peggy Sue (Corkhill) Bowers, 58, of Huntington, died at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 16, 2005, at Kosciusko Community Hospital, Warsaw.

Born April 14, 1947, a daughter of Quentin and Flossie (Wicker) Corkhill, she was a 1965 graduate of Huntington High School.

On Oct. 6, 1978, she was united in marriage to Michael Bowers. He survives and lives in Huntington.

She worked in the layaway department at Kmart in Huntington.

Additional survivors include a daughter, Melanie (Dan) Dahms of Topeka; a step-daughter, Amie (Chris) LaRue of Columbia City; a brother, Robert (Bobby) Corkhill of Huntington and a sister, Linda (Tom) Cartwright of Fort Wayne; six grandchildren; and one great-grandson.

Visitation is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 20 at McElhaney-Hart Funeral Home, 715 N. Jefferson St., Huntington. The funeral service is 10 a.m. Wednesday at the funeral home with the Rev. Russell Birdsall officiating. Burial is at the Union Cemetery, Huntington, with the Rev. John Summers officiating.

Preferred memorials may be donated to the donor's choice in care of McElhaney-Hart Funeral Home.

The Mass of Christian Burial is celebrated at 10 a.m. Monday at St. John Bosco Catholic Church in Churubusco, with Father Danney Pinto as the celebrant. The family will receive friends at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco from 2 to 8 p.m. Sunday. The Rosary will be recited at 8 p.m. Sunday at the mortuary. Interment is at Christian Chapel in Merriam.

For those who wish, memorials may be directed for Masses or to Give Kids the World, 210 S. Bass Road, Kissimmee, FL 34646.

Condolences may be e-mailed to the family at sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

Marjorie L. Longenecker, 82

Nov. 24, 1923 - Dec. 16, 2005

Marjorie L. Longenecker, 82, a resident of Columbia City, died at 2:32 p.m. Friday, Dec. 16, 2005, at Miller's Merry Manor in Columbia City, where she had been a resident since February of 2003.

Born Nov. 24, 1923, in Richmond, a daughter of Raymond and Carmel (Coning) Siders, she completed her education at Richmond High School.

On Nov. 14, 1942, she was united in marriage to Lawrence G. Keiser. They made their home in Richmond until the 1950s when they moved to Columbia City. In the early 1960s, they moved to Three Rivers, Mich. Mr. Keiser died Oct. 30, 1967.

On Oct. 1, 1971, she was united in marriage to Lowell R. Longenecker. They always made their home in Three Rivers. Mr. Longenecker died July 13, 1994. In 1995, she returned to Columbia City.

A homemaker, she was a lifetime member of the American Legion Auxiliary in Three Rivers.

Surviving relatives include two sons, David Scott (Mary) Keiser of Columbia City and Rick Keiser of Thompson Station, Tenn.; a daughter, Nancy (Ken) Gick of South Carolina; five grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; a brother, Darl Siders of Florida; and a sister, Evelyn Wyson of Richmond.

A graveside service will be held at a later date at Riverside Cemetery in Three Rivers. There will be no local visitation or service.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to Parkview Home Health and Hospice.

Arrangements are by Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City.

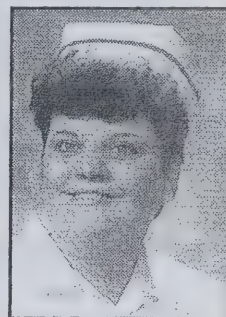
Condolences may be sent to www.smithandsonsfuneralhome.com.

Michelle R. Kessler Savant, 47

Jan. 1, 1958, - Dec. 17, 2005

Michelle R. Kessler Savant, 47, a resident of South Whitley, died Saturday, Dec. 17, 2005, at her home.

Born on Jan. 1, 1958, in Whitley County, a daughter of Harold G. and Rosalie J. (Miller) Sutter, her formative years were spent in South Whitley, where she attended high school. She completed her education at Ivy Tech State College in Fort Wayne with an associates degree in nursing and massage therapy.



Savant

In July of 1999, she was united in marriage to Joseph Savant, and they have always made their home in South Whitley. Mr. Savant preceded her in death on April 3, 2005.

A loving mother and grandmother, she is survived by three children, Ryan K. Kessler, Adriane R. (David) Copeland and Daniel M. Messinger, all of Columbia City; five grandchildren; her mother, Rosalie (James) Hazen; a step-sister, Cheryl Yeager; and a brother, Gary Sutter, all of South Whitley.

Her father preceded her in death.

The funeral service is at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 21; at Smith and Sons Miller Chapel in South Whitley. Burial is at South Whitley Cemetery. Visitation is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

For those who wish, memorials may be directed to the final expense account at Smith and Sons Miller Chapel.

Condolences may be sent to

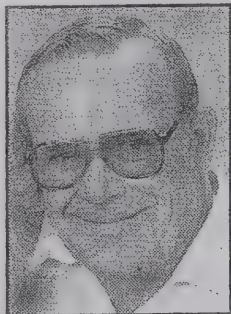
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Sept. 8, 1936 - Dec. 16, 2005

Frederick Allen Dellinger, 69, of rural Columbia City, died at 8:42 p.m. Friday, Dec. 16, 2005, at Parkview Whitley Hospital in Columbia City.



Dellinger

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Dellinger. He lived in several locations during his childhood, including Decatur, and since 1968, he has been a Whitley County resident. He attended Decatur High School.

On Oct. 30, 1954, he was united in marriage to Mary Helen Gramelspacher in Bluffton.

He was a foundry worker for 30 years with Zollner Corporation in Fort Wayne, retiring in 1988.

A member of the Columbia City Moose Lodge 189 and Eagles Lodge 1906, his hobbies included gardening. During his retirement, he delivered Meals on Wheels to local resident for several years.

Survivors include his wife, Mary; three sons, Frederick R. "Randy" (Debra) Dellinger and Donald Kevin (Rhonda) Dellinger, both of Columbia City, and Russell Todd (Randy Bonewitz) Dellinger of North Manchester; his father, George Frederick Dellinger of Decatur; nine grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; two brothers, Steven (Nancy) Dellinger of Hillard, Ohio, and Herman (Pat) Dellinger of Eden, Ohio; and two sisters, Marlene (Don) Melching of Decatur, and Carol Clouse of Fremont.

Ruf service

Pastor Judy Follis officiated at the memorial service for Donald T. Ruf, 57, on Tuesday, Dec. 13, 2005, at DeMoney-Grimes Funeral Home. Recorded selections of "Greensleeves" and "The Old Rugged Cross" were included in the prelude with "Tears in Heaven" played as a special compact disc selection and "When I Get Where I Am Going," "The Lord's Prayer" and "Amazing Grace" as postlude. A video celebrating Mr. Ruf's life was shown before dismissing family and friends.

Mr. Ruf, husband of Georgia May Ruf and father of Patrick, Jeffrey and Anthony Braden and Sharron Wilkins, died Thursday, Dec. 8.

His mother, Marietta Dellinger, and two granddaughters, preceded him in death.

Visitation is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. today with an Eagles Lodge twilight memorial service at 7:30 p.m. at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Drive in Columbia City. The funeral service is at 1 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home with Pastor Lane Burgland of Faith Lutheran Church in Churubusco, and Pastor David Wagner, Whitley County Sheriff's Department chaplain, officiating. Burial is at Oak Grove Cemetery, Keiser Road, Columbia City.

Memorial gifts may be given in Mr. Dellinger's memory to Whitley County E.M.S. or Meals on Wheels. Envelopes are available at the funeral home.

To send condolences to the family, sign the guest register or to light a memorial candle in Mr. Dellinger's memory, please visit www.demoneygrimes.com.

Schrader service

The funeral service for Betty Jean Schrader Corbin, 84, was Saturday, Dec. 17, 2005, at Oak Grove Church of God, rural Columbia City, with Pastors Carroll McNutt, Susan Fenker and George Reser officiating. Judy Geyer, Rex D. Schrader II and Larry Corbin

shared family reflections.

Marti Schrader played a variety of hymns during the piano prelude and postlude. Pastor Fenker led the congregation singing "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" and "It Is Well With My Soul." Pastor Fenker also sang "Like A River Glorious" and Evette Schrader Mosquera, a granddaughter, sang "Amazing Grace" during the service.

The committal service followed at Oak Grove Cemetery. Grandsons serving as casketbearers were Danny Mosquera, Rex D. Schrader II, Darrell Gudeman, Jim Pope, Johann Geyer, Hans Geyer, Bart Geyer and Brent Poole.

Mrs. Schrader Corbin, wife of William D. Corbin and the late Denzil D. Schrader, mother of Rex Schrader and Judy (Fred) Geyer, and step-mother of Judy (Tom) Smith, Cindy (Jerry) Auer, Susan (Russell) Swing, Janet Corbin, Joan (Bill) Sadilek, Larry (Susie) Corbin and Steven (Sue) Corbin, died Thursday, Dec. 8.

Arrangements were completed by Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City.

Cornelius service

The funeral service for Helen Eileen Cornelius, 87, was Saturday, Dec. 17, 2005, at Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City, with Dr. Steven Connor officiating.

A variety of hymns were played during the prelude and postlude.

The committal service followed at South Park Annex Cemetery. Family and friends served as casketbearers.

Mrs. Cornelius, widow of Lewis Edwin Cornelius, and mother of Diane Sue Cornelius and Kittie C. (James) Kubacki, died Tuesday, Dec. 13.

Bill Sadilek, 50

Feb. 28, 1955 - Dec. 15, 2005

Bill Sadilek, 50, of Monroe, N.C., died Thursday, Dec. 15, 2005.

Born on Feb. 28, 1955, in Salem, Ore., he grew up in Molalla, Ore., and graduated from Molalla High School in 1973. He later attended S. Oregon State College and Portland State.

On Nov. 8, 1986, he was united in marriage to Joan Corbin of Columbia City.

He was employed as a land surveyor for 30 years and was currently employed at ESP and Associates in Charlotte, N.C., since 2003.

Survivors include his wife, Joan; two sons, Benjamin and Bradley; a brother, Tom (Janet) Sadilek of Molalla; and grandmother, Anne Madden of Aurora, Ore.; his father, Bill Corbin of Columbia City; four sisters-in-law, Judy (Tom) Smith of Fort Wayne; Cindy (Jerry) Auer of Larwill; Susan (Russell) Swing of Lakeside, Calif. and Janet Corbin of Wolcottville; two brothers-in-law, Larry (Susie) Corbin of Avilla, and Steven (Sue) Corbin of Columbia City.

A memorial service was held Monday, Dec. 19, at Benton Heights Church of God in Monroe, N.C.

For those who wish, memorial may be directed to the Sadilek Family.

Condolences may be sent to www.smithandsonsfuneralhome.com.

Yordy service

Pastor Karen Biddle officiated at the memorial service for Sandra Sue Yordy, 67, on Tuesday, Dec. 13, 2005 at West Point Trinity United Methodist Church. Amy Barr, a daughter, shared interpretive reflections of "Be Still My Soul" and "The Lord's Prayer." Family remembrances were given by Kimberly Hochendoner, a daughter, and Larry Barr, a son-in-law. Congregational song was "I'll Fly Away."

Mrs. Yordy, mother of Kimberly Hochendoner and Amy Barr, died Wednesday, Dec. 7, at her home.

Services were entrusted to DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, Columbia City.

Grable service

Pastor Bill Smith of Columbia City Freewill Baptist Church officiated at the funeral service for Robert Edward Grable, 77, on Friday, Dec. 16, 2005, at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home in Columbia City.

Music included "In the Garden" and "Amazing Grace," with a special compact disc selection of a "Should I Fall Behind" by Faith Hill.

Casketbearers were Eddie and Ishmael Banks, Jeremiah, Chris and Jammy Birchum, and Barry and Roger Grable. Graveside military rites were presented by American Legion Post 98 with Bill Wheeler as commander, Dean Ramsey as chaplain, Frank Daniels as color guard commander, Homer Wells, Paul Thompson, Ray Gilbert and Paul Brower as color guard. Bill Hare as firing squad commander, Ted Hare, Bob Hearld, Bill Rea, Larry Jones, Frank Frey and John Slabaugh as firing squad, with Joe Hare as bugler. Burial was at Thorn Cemetery, Ormas.

A twilight memorial service was conducted by Eagles Lodge 1906 on Thursday evening at the funeral home, with Ron Bowser as trustee, Clarice E. Mitchell, Larry Brandon, Homer Hursey as junior past president, James Simmons, Leonard P. Williams, Harold Mullett, David H. Hawn, Leon Paulus and Louis C. Notter participating.

Mr. Grable, husband of Reva M. Grable and father of Barry, Roger and Dennis Grable, died Tuesday, Dec. 13.

Virgil K. Juillerat, 93

May 12, 1912 - Dec. 19, 2005

Virgil K. Juillerat, 93, of Huntington died at 7:47 p.m. Monday, Dec. 19, 2005 at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Born on May 12, 1912, in Columbia City, a son of August Emmanuel and Adelia Pamela (Hertsel) Juillerat, he was a 1930 graduate of Washington Center High School in Whitley County.

He and Chella Howenstine were united in marriage on Dec. 30, 1934. She preceded him in death on Sept. 13, 1998.

An Army veteran, he served from 1942 to 1945, as a staff sergeant in the U.S. 3rd Army during World War II in Germany, Belgium and France and was awarded the Bronze Star.

He worked for 46 years with the U.S. Postal Service at the North Manchester Post Office, where he retired in May 1971.

He was an ordained minister for the Church of the Brethren South/Central Indiana Conference. He currently served as the pastor of the Sugar Creek Church of the Brethren in Tunker. He was also instrumental in the start of the Roanoke Baptist Church.

Survivors include four sons: V. Kenneth Juillerat of North Manchester; Victor Juillerat of White House, Tenn; Van Juillerat of Andrews; John Juillerat of Columbia City; three daughters: Janet (Thomas) Karst and Janice (Robert) Schroeder, both of Huntington, and Jarice (Donald) Davenriner of Warren; 21 grandchildren and 40 great grandchildren.

A brother, Clarence Juillerat; two sisters: Treva Wince and Edna Juillerat and a grandson, preceded him in death.

Visitation is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 22, at Myers Funeral Home Huntington Chapel, 2901 Guilford Street, in Huntington. The funeral services is at 10 a.m. Friday at the funeral home, with the Rev. Brooks L. Fetters officiating. Interment is at Beech Grove Cemetery in Huntington County.

To sign Mr. Juillerat's online guest registry visit www.myersfuneralhomes.com and click on obituaries.



Juillerat

The following obituary is being reprinted to correct an error. — CAH

Michelle R. Kessler Savant, 47

Jan. 1, 1958 - Dec. 17, 2005

Michelle R. Kessler Savant, 47, a resident of South Whitley, died Saturday, Dec. 17, 2005, at her home.

Born on Jan. 1, 1958, in Whitley County, a daughter of Harold G. and Rosalie J. (Miller) Sutter, her formative years were spent in South Whitley, where she attended high school. She completed her education at Ivy Tech State College in Fort Wayne with an associates degree in nursing and massage therapy.

In July of 1999, she was united in marriage to Joseph Savant, and they have always made their home in South Whitley. Mr. Savant preceded her in death on April 3, 2005.

A loving mother and grandmother, she is survived by three children, Ryan K. Kessler, Adriane R. (David) Copeland and Daniel M. Messinger, all of Columbia City; five grandchildren; her mother, Rosalie (James) Hazen; a sister, Cheryl Yeager; and a brother, Gary Sutter, all of South Whitley.

Her father preceded her in death.

The funeral service is at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 21, at Smith and Sons Miller Chapel in South Whitley. Burial is at South Whitley Cemetery. Visitation is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

For those who wish, memorials may be directed to the final expense account at Smith and Sons Miller Chapel.

Condolences may be sent to www.smithandsonsfuneralhome.com



Savant

George Junior Peters, 70

Oct. 11, 1935 - Dec. 19, 2005

George Junior Peters, 70, of Garrett, died Monday, Dec. 19, 2005, at his residence.

Born in Auburn on Oct. 11, 1935, he was a son of George W. and Ruth B. (Donnelly) Peters.

A Korean War veteran, he served from 1952 to 1955, as a private in the U.S. Marine Corps. He was a reserve police officer at Garrett and a laborer for Magnavox Corporation for 20 years, retiring in 1991.



He was a member of New Life Ministries in Garrett.

Survivors include a son, Milton Peters of Columbia City; two daughters, Ann Wagner of Bristol, and Althea McCintosh of War, W. Va.; two brothers, John Peters of Auburn and Harry Peters of Garrett and seven grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Nancy A. Peters in 1994, his parents, and sisters, Mary Custer and Hazel Martin.

The funeral service is 2 p.m. Friday, Dec. 23, at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, with calling one hour prior. Calling also 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Burial is at Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to the family.

Snodgrass service

The funeral service for Virginia M. Snodgrass, 70, was Monday, Dec. 12, 2005, at Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City, with the Rev. Curtiss Johnson officiating. Heather Lemmon, a granddaughter, shared a poem.

Carla Blakley played a variety of hymns during the organ prelude and postlude including "Amazing Grace," "Precious Lord, Take My Hand," "In the Garden" and "The Old Rugged Cross." Joline Lock sang "The Lord's Prayer" to begin the service, "The Strength of the Lord" during the service and "You Raise Me Up" to conclude the service.

The committal service followed at Adams Cemetery. Grandsons and nephews serving as casketbearers were Jasson Snodgrass, Jeremy Bradtmueller, Zachary Lock, Randy Krider, Mark Krider, Jeff Krider, Joe Simon and Ryan Krider.

Mrs. Snodgrass, widow of James R. Snodgrass and mother of Darl (Deborah) Snodgrass, Cindy (Lynn) Bradtmueller and Deb Lock, died Friday, Dec. 9.

Roberta J. 'Bert' Ebert, 78

Feb. 24, 1927 - Dec. 21, 2005

Roberta J. "Bert" Ebert, 78, a resident of Churubusco and formerly of Green Township in Noble County, died at 7:17 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 21, 2005, at her residence. Although she had been in declining health for some time, her death was unexpected.

Born on Feb. 24, 1927, in Washington Township in Allen County, a daughter of Forest and Marvel (Leonard) Liggett, she graduated from New Haven High School in 1945.

On May 26, 1950, she was married in Fort Wayne to Kenneth C. Ebert. The couple lived in Green Township for 48 years until moving to Churubusco earlier this year.

She was a member of Veteran's of Foreign Wars Post 857 Ladies Auxiliary in Fort Wayne.

Surviving relatives include her husband, Kenneth, to whom she was married for more than 55 years; a son, Ronnie L. Ebert of Churubusco; two daughters, Sandra (Steven) Smith of Tucson, Ariz., and Terri (Kenneth) Sperone of Fort Wayne; three brothers, Everett (Pat) Liggett of Churubusco, George (Pat) Liggett of Fort Wayne, and Charles (Sara) Liggett of Edon, Ohio; four sisters, Phyllis (Wallace) Castle of Coldwater, Mich.; Alice (William) Mabry of Olympia, Wash.; Pat Hoopengardner of Fort Wayne, and Barbara Koskie of Garrett, and four grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a grandson; two brothers, Emmett Liggett and Kenneth L. Liggett; and a sister, Eleanor Bellis.

The funeral service is at 11 a.m. Friday, Dec. 23, at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco, with the Rev. Timothy Grable, of Sugar Grove Church of God, officiating. The family will receive friends from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home, and one hour prior to the service Friday. Entombment is at Covington Memorial Gardens Mausoleum in Fort Wayne.

For those who wish, memorials may be directed to the Jeff Hill Benefit or to the donor's choice.

Ervin L. Fuhrman, 71

Jan. 6, 1934 - Dec. 20, 2005

Ervin L. Fuhrman, 71, of Huntington, died at 6:15 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 20, 2005, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Born on Jan. 6, 1934, in Huntington, a son of the late Maurice T. and Beulah (White) Fuhrman, he graduated from Huntington High School in 1952. He received a Bachelor of Science degree from Huntington College in 1957, and a masters degree from St. Francis College in Fort Wayne in 1968.

On Aug. 1, 1954, he married Shirley L. Wygant at the former East State Street Church of God in Huntington.

Mr. Fuhrman retired in 1996, from the Huntington County Community School Corporation, where he taught at Central Elementary for 26 years. Prior to that, he taught for 13 years at Whitley County Consolidated Schools.

He was elected to the Common Council for the City of Huntington in 2000, and was in his second term of the office. He served as president of the common council in 2003 and 2004.

A member of Faith Community Church of God in Huntington, he served as treasurer, sang in the choir and taught Sunday School. He was a member and past president of the Metro Kiwanis Club, a member and past president of the Huntington County Retired Teachers Association and a member of Indiana Retired Teachers Association. He also served on the board of directors with the Associated Church of Huntington and the Council on Aging.

Survivors include his wife of 51 years, Shirley L. Fuhrman; a son, Robin L. (Vicki) Fuhrman of Huntington; two daughters, Nondus (John) Christman of Huntington and Natilee (David) Kechel of Leo; a sister, Phyllis Delores McDaniel of Huntington; eight grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

Visitation is from 2 to 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 23, at Bailey-Love Mortuary. The funeral service is at 2 p.m. Saturday at the mortuary, with the Rev. Stephen Stull officiating. Burial is at Gardens of Memory, Huntington County.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Faith Community Church of God Building Fund in-care-of Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Huntington, IN 46750.

Online condolences to the family may be sent to www.baileylove.com

Kenneth A. Schenkel, 85

Nov. 24, 1920 - Dec. 20, 2005

Kenneth A. Schenkel, 85, of Huntington, died at noon Tuesday, Dec. 20, 2005, at his home.

Born on Nov. 24, 1920, in Andrews, a son of the late Alvin and Clara (Yentes) Schenkel, he graduated from Andrews High School in 1938.

On Dec. 31, 1940, he married Marjorie K. Tyner. She preceded him in death on Dec. 13, 1999. He married Janet Shroyer Whitacre on April 20, 2002, in Bippus. She survives.

Mr. Schenkel was president of Schenkel's All Star Dairy until it was purchased in December of 2000, by Suiza Dairy Foods of Dallas. In 1982, the Indiana Dairy Industry honored him with the Distinguished Service Award. He served on the Board of Directors of the National All Star Dairy Association.

The Schenkel Dairy got its start in the summer of 1930, when Alvin and Clara Schenkel decided to start a family dairy business. They bought two cows, some glass bottles and milk caps. Alvin took samples of the milk into some Huntington businesses where he knew several people and left the samples for them to taste. The business grew with more customers and more cows. A milk route was developed in Andrews and then Huntington. In 1940, the Victory Noll Farm was purchased where the dairy operates today. After Alvin's death, the dairy continued with the three sons, Keny, Dick, Marion and grandsons, Tom, Kent and John joined their fathers.

Keny was a lifelong member of the St. Paul's County Line Church and served many years on the church board as elder, trustee and treasurer. Most recently, he was a member of the building committee for the Family Life Center addition completed in 1995. He was a member of the Goodwill Sunday School class and the Men's Brotherhood.

A 60-year member of the Andrews Lions Club he was the last charter member of that club. He was honored for his service and help in completing the new ball park, which was named Keny's Field. He was named the grand marshal by the Lions in 2003, for the Andrews Western

Days and was awarded the Melvin James Fellow for dedicated Humanitarian Service by the Lions Club International Foundation. Keny also served on the Board of Directors for the former Community State Bank.

Other survivors include a son, Thomas (Jane) Schenkel of Huntington; a daughter, Sue (Don) Meyer of North Manchester; a step-son, Chris (Diane) Whitacre of Andrews; two step-daughters, Diane (Dick) Ackerman of Huntington and Mary Ann (Jeff) Davis of West Virginia; and two brothers, Richard (Mary Ellen) Schenkel and Marion (Betty) Schenkel, both of Huntington. six grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and nine step-grandchildren.

A sister, Isabel (Schenkel) Rosen, preceded him in death.

Visitation is from 2 to 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 23, at St. Paul's County Line Church, 3995 North 1000 West, Andrews. The funeral services is at 10 a.m. Saturday at the St. Paul's County Line Church, with Pastor Kurt Church officiating. Burial is at St. Paul's County Line Church Cemetery, Andrews.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the St. Paul's County Line Church or to the Parkview Huntington Hospice in-care-of Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Huntington, IN 46750.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.baileylove.com.

Dellinger service

Pastors Lane Burgland and David Wagner officiated at the funeral service for Frederick Allen Dellinger, 69, on Wednesday, Dec. 21, 2005, at DeMoney-Grimes Funeral Home. Organ prelude included "Rock of Ages," "I'll Fly Away" and "Will The Circle Be Unbroken" with a variety of Christmas carols played on the keyboard and "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" as postlude by Evelyn Stemen. Vocalist, a daughter-in-law, Rhonda Dellinger, sang "The Church in Wildwood" and "Precious Lord, Take My Hand." All three sons shared family memories with Pastor Burgland reading Randy Dellinger's personal reflections, Kevin Dellinger's reflections were read by Randy Grimes, Todd Dellinger shared his reflections and a granddaughter read a poem. Recorded selections, "September Song" and "In The Arms of Angels," concluded the service as a video celebrating Mr. Dellinger's life was shown before dismissing family and friends.

Casketbearers were Ryan, Dustin, Morgan, Shannon and Virginia Dellinger, Scott Applegate and Brent King. Burial was at Oak Grove (Compton) Cemetery, rural Columbia City.

The Korean War Honor Guard, John Slabaugh, Don York, Frank Frey, Jim Shaw, Paul Gates and

Jack Schrader, stood vigil during visitation. Eagles Lodge 1906 conducted a twilight service at the funeral home on Tuesday evening with Leonard A. Kelley as chaplain, Homer Hursey as past worthy president, Dave Hawn as secretary, Randy Tucker, Leonard P. Williams as worthy president, Glen Warren Ritter as inside guard, Roger McEntarfer as trustee, Richard Dalton as conductor and Leon V. Paulus as vice president.

Mr. Dellinger, husband of Mary Helen Dellinger and father of Frederick R. "Randy," Donald Kevin and Russell Todd Dellinger, and son of George Frederick Dellinger, passed away on Friday, Dec. 16, 2005.

Virginia Briggs Martin service

Father Larry Kramer and Deacon Joseph Zickgraf officiated at the funeral mass for Virginia Briggs Martin, 89, on Monday morning, Dec. 19, 2005, at St. Paul of the Cross Catholic Church. Mass included "On Eagle's Wings" and "Ave Marie," with Sister Rose Ehrlich as organist and Jessica Smith as cantor.

Family members served as casketbearers. Burial was at St. Paul of the Cross Catholic Cemetery, Columbia City.

Mrs. Martin, mother of Diann Stokoe, died Saturday, Dec. 17, 2005. Arrangements were entrusted to DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home.

Mary E. Nicolosi, 71

Nov. 18, 1934 - Dec. 23, 2005

Mary E. Nicolosi, 71, formerly of Fort Wayne, died Friday, Dec. 23, 2005, at Parkview Whitley Hospital in Columbia City, after an extended illness.

She was born on Nov. 18, 1934, in Cleveland, Ohio, a daughter of Samuel Nicolosi and Etta Herbst.

She retired after 33-1/2 years as an attendant with Fort Wayne Developmental Center. She loved to sew and crochet.



Nicolosi

Survivors include a daughter, Wanda (John) Strupp of Columbia City; brothers, Edward Nicolosi of Madison, Tenn., Ronald Nicolosi of Cleveland, Ohio, and James Nicolosi of Cleveland, Ohio; sisters, Janet Drew of Hernado, Fla., and Jacqueline Woods of Kendallville.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brothers, Robert Nicolosi and Irvin Fall, and a sister, Eldora Mincoff.

The funeral service is at 1 p.m., Friday, Dec. 30, at D.O. McComb & Sons, Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., Fort Wayne, with calling one hour prior. The Rev. Al Beggs will officiate. Calling

also 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday. Entombment is at Covington Memorial Gardens, Fort Wayne.

David Edward Stauffer, 53

Memorial service is Friday

The Time of Remembrance for David Edward Stauffer, 53, a native of Columbia City, is at 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 30, 2005, at Smith and Sons Coach Room, 205 N. Main St., Columbia City, with the family receiving friends after 6 p.m. Friday.

Surviving relatives include his wife of 28 years, Claire; two sons, Miles and Wayne; his mother and step-father, Ruth and Loren Metzger of South Whitley; a brother, Dan (Marcia) Stauffer of Columbia City; a sister, Dianne (Norm) Stangland of South Bend; and several nieces and nephews.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to Bothell Library, Children International Fund or Hope Link.

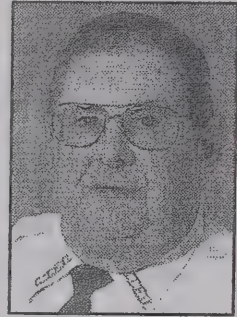
Condolences may be sent to www.smithandsonsfuneralhome.com.

Daniel E. "Dan" Bolinger, 62

July 5, 1943 - Dec. 25, 2005

Daniel E. "Dan" Bolinger, 62, a lifelong resident of Cleveland Township, died Sunday, Dec. 25, 2005, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne, where he was admitted on Tuesday, Dec. 20, due to injuries sustained from a fall.

Born on July 5, 1943, in Fort Wayne, a son of Floyd A.R. and Ruth Elouise (Gilbert) Bolinger. He completed his education at South Whitley High School.



Bolinger

On April 2, 1967, he was united in marriage to Martha J. Snodgrass at Pleasant View Church of the Brethren. In 1972, they moved to their present home south of South Whitley.

He was co-owner of Bolinger Tin Shop in South Whitley, joining the family business at age 16.

His memberships include Pleasant View Church of the Brethren and he served two years in the Brethren Volunteer Service. He was a 38-year member of the Cleveland Township Volunteer Fire Department.

Survivors include his wife, Martha; three daughters, Krista (Brendan) Arnold of Fort Wayne; Kerrie (Mark) Walls of Winona Lake and Kathie (Terry) Sites of North Manchester; five grandchildren; his parents, Floyd and Elouise Bolinger of South Whitley; two brothers, Preston (Sharron) Bolinger, and Lewis (Peggy) Bolinger, both of South Whitley, and two sisters, Janet (Rich) Howell of Mexico, Ind., and Martha (Chris) Trier of South Whitley.

The funeral service is at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 29, at Pleasant View Church of the Brethren, 7050 W 1000 S, South Whitley, with visitation one hour prior to the service. Burial is at South Whitley Cemetery. Visitation is from 1 to 5 and 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Smith and Sons Miller Chapel in South Whitley.

The Cleveland Township Fire Department will conduct an Indiana Volunteer Fireman service following the visitation Wednesday evening.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to Cleveland Township Volunteer Fire Department or Pleasant View Church of the Brethren.

Condolences may be sent to www.smithandsonsfuneralhome.com.

Ruth Armenta Traucht, 78

Jan. 16, 1927 - Dec. 26, 2005

Ruth Armenta Traucht, 78, a former resident of Greenville, Ohio, and more recently of Fort Wayne, died at 1:32 a.m. Monday, Dec. 26, 2005, at Woodview Healthcare in Fort Wayne, following an extended illness.

Born on Jan. 16, 1927, in Milford, Ohio, she was a daughter of Ernest Lee and Mabel (Chambers) Carter. Her formative years were spent there and she graduated from Milford High School in 1945, where she was elected to her high school hall of fame later in life.

She received a bachelor's degree from Wilmington College and taught in the Darke

County, Ohio, schools for a period. She was a home economics and physical education teacher at the Greenville Junior High School for 27 years, retiring from there in 1982. Following her retirement, she moved to Bradenton, Fla., and lived there until moving to Fort Wayne in 2000.

Her marriage was to R. Duane Traucht, on June 23, 1951, in Milford. He preceded her in death on Oct. 8, 1998.

Survivors include two daughters, Jane C. Davis of Columbia City, and Kathryn Traucht-Hamper of Fairfield, Ohio; a sister, Undine White of Bradenton; a brother, Raymond (Janet) Carter of Sun City, Fla.; three grandchildren, and a great-granddaughter.

In addition to her parents and spouse, she was preceded in death by a brother, T.J. Carter.

A private family service was held at the Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco, with the Rev. Lane Burgland, of Faith Lutheran Church, officiating.

At the request of the family, there are no calling hours. Interment is at Greenville Memorial Cemetery in Greenville, at a later date.

For those who wish, memorials may be directed to the American Red Cross.

Condolences may be e-mailed to the family at sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

Marjorie E. Felger, 81

Oct. 24, 1924 - Dec. 24, 2005

Marjorie E. Felger, 81, of rural Arcola, died at 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 24, 2005, at Village Oaks in Fort Wayne.

Born on Oct. 24, 1923 in Pontiac, Ill., a daughter of Christian and Bessie (Yoder) Litwiller, she attended Monroe High School in Monroe. Raised in the Berne area, she resided at her Allen County home since 1961.

Her first marriage was to Harry Habegger in 1940, who died in May of 1950. Her second marriage was to Forest C. Felger on May 6, 1961, in Berne.

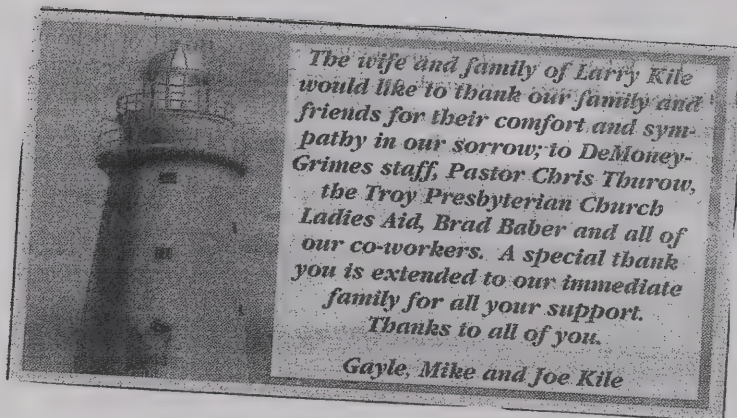
A loving wife and mother, she assisted her husband on the family farm and was a member of Dunfee Missionary Church in Dunfee.

Survivors include her husband of 44 years, Forest C. Felger, also of Village Oaks; seven children, Mary (Fred) Whitehurst of Berne; Larry (Bonnie) Habegger of Kokomo; Ruth (Gray) Cox of Oklahoma City, Okla.; Mark (Ann) Felger of Fort Wayne; Charles (Melody) Felger of Fort Wayne; Max (Linda) Felger of New Haven, and Ruth (Charles) White of Willshire, Ohio; 19 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; five sisters, Millie (Charles) Allison of Anderson; Deloris (Jack) Morman of Berne; Verna (Darrell) Theizen of Henderson, Neb.; Romaine (Bob) Meshberger of Tucson, Ariz., and Juanita (Jim) Adams of Berne, and one brother, Robert (Marilyn) Litwiller of Berne.

Visitation is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. today, Dec. 27, at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Drive in Columbia City. The funeral service is at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the funeral home, with Pastor Jeff Spence of Dunfee Missionary Church, officiating.

Memorials may be given in memory of Mrs. Felger to Child Evangelism Fellowship of Six County, 2213 E. Vaile Ave., Kokomo, IN 46901.

To send condolences, sign the register book, or to light a memorial candle, please visit www.demoneygrimes.com.



Savant service

The funeral service for Michelle R. Kessler Savant, 47, was Wednesday Dec. 21, 2005, at Smith and Sons Miller Chapel in South Whitley, with the Rev. Paul Burris, pastor of South Whitley United Methodist Church, officiating.

A variety of selections were played during the prelude and postlude including "Austin" and "Kokomo" by the Beach Boys.

The committal service followed at South Whitley Cemetery. Casketbearers were R.B. Jones, Brian Knauff, Randall Yeager, Brad Sutter, Matt Parent and Kevin Simmons.

Mrs. Savant, widow of Joseph Savant and mother of Ryan L. Kessler, Adriane R. (David) Copeland and Daniel M. Messenger, died Saturday, Dec. 17.

Ruby Rose Shock, 96

Dec. 28, 1908 - Dec. 25, 2005

Ruby Rose Shock, 96, of North Webster, died at 6:20 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 25, 2005, at Kosciusko Community Hospital in Warsaw.

Born in Syracuse on Dec. 28, 1908, she was a daughter of Simeon and Myrtle (Crouch) Lewallen. A lifetime resident of North Webster, she graduated from Syracuse High School with the Class of 1928.

On April 25, 1929, she married Pearl William Shock in Wakarusa.

She was employed by North Webster Light and Water from 1929 to 1940, M and M Restaurant, as their No. 1 pie baker, for more than 25 years and Penguin Point Catering for 11 years.

She was a member of North Webster United Methodist Church.

Survivors include a son, Curtis E. (Suzanne) Shock of North Webster; six grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Pearl; a son, Charles R. "Dick" Shock, an infant brother, Samuel Lewallen, and three sisters, Irene Roberts, Blanche Miller and Daisey Gose Hootman.

Visitation is from 10 a.m. to noon Thursday, Dec. 29, at North Webster United Methodist Church. The funeral service is at noon Thursday at the church with Pastor Scott Mann officiating. The committal service is at North Webster Cemetery.

Memorials may be given in memory of Mrs. Shock to North Webster/Tiptecanoe Township EMS or North Webster United Methodist Church.

To send condolences, sign the family guest register book, or light a memorial candle, please log onto www.demoneygrimes.com.

Arrangements are by the DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home in Columbia City.



Shock

Lois Elinore Bartlett, 84

Sept. 16, 1921 - Dec. 23, 2005

Lois Elinore Bartlett, 84, a former resident of Columbia City, died at 11:38 p.m. Friday, Dec. 23, 2005, at the Byron Health Center in Fort Wayne.

Born on Sept. 16, 1921, in Richland Township, Whitley County, a daughter of Festus R. and Rhoda M. (Miller) King.

Her husband, James H. Bartlett, preceded her in death on Oct. 30, 1988.

Surviving relatives include nieces and nephews.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by two brothers, Homer R. King and Robert King, and a sister, Hazel J. Thompson.

There is no funeral service or visitation. Burial will take place at a later date at Lakeview Cemetery, Larwill.

Arrangements are by Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City.

Condolences may be sent to www.smithandsonsfuneralhome.com.

James L. Lyons, 57

April 22, 1948 - Dec. 22, 2005

James L. Lyons, 57, of Columbia City, died at 5:35 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 22, 2005, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Born on April 22, 1948, in Fort Wayne, he was a son of Charles C. and J. (Frances) Lyons.

He was a self-employed mechanic for about 35 years.

Among survivors is a friend, Jackie Tuttle of Fort Wayne.

There is no visitation. The funeral service is at 1 p.m. Thursday at Lindenwood Cemetery Chapel in Fort Wayne, with Pastor Truman Smith officiating. Burial is at Lindenwood Cemetery.

Arrangements are by C.M. Sloan and Sons Funeral Home in Fort Wayne.

Robert M. Thompson Sr., 80

May 23, 1925 - Dec. 28, 2005

Robert M. Thompson, 80, died at 12:05 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 28, 2005, at Canterbury Nursing Center in Fort Wayne where he had resided since 2000.



Born in Larwill on May 23, 1925, he was a son of Robert M. and Hazel J. (King) Thompson. In 1936, his family moved to Columbia City from Larwill. He attended the Larwill and Columbia City schools.

On Oct. 23, 1941, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy and flew with a patrol bomber squadron in the Caribbean and South Pacific. He was honorably discharged in 1945.

On May 23, 1946, he was united in marriage to Ellen Mae Coyle. In 1965, they moved to their home in Columbia City. Mrs. Thompson died July 7, 1995.



Thompson

A self-employed electrician, he was employed eight years at Union Electrician in Fort Wayne until his retirement in 1969. He was also employed 15 years at LML Engineering as a maintenance supervisor.

His memberships included Larwill Wesleyan Church, V.F.W. 5582, and American Legion Post 98.

Surviving relatives include three sons, Robert M. Thompson Jr., Steven G. (Cindy) Thompson and Thomas E. Thompson, all of Columbia City; two daughters, Judy K. (Michael) Coleman of Troy, Ill., and Brenda (Kevin) Stanley of Columbia City; 14 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother, William Thompson, and a sister, Betty Pritchard.

The funeral service is at 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 31, at Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City, with Pastor Dale Moser officiating. Visitation is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Burial is at Adams Cemetery.

The American Legion Post 98 will present military honors at the cemetery.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to the American Heart Association or Parkinson's Foundation.

Condolences may be sent to www.smithandsonsfuneralhome.com

Everett Liggett Sr., 80

Sept. 14, 1925 - Dec. 28, 2005

Everett Liggett Sr., 80, a resident of Churubusco, died at 12:55 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 28, 2005, at the family residence. He had been in declining health for several months and had been seriously ill since September.



Born in Allen County on Sept. 14, 1925, a son of Forest and Marvel (Leonard) Liggett, his formative years were spent in LaGrange and Steuben counties.

As a young man he served with the Merchant Marines during World War II and following his military discharge, lived in Fort Wayne for more than 20 years.

On July 7, 1967, he was married in Allen County to Patricia (Zimmerman) Templeton. The couple lived in Eel River Township in Allen County for 32 years, until moving to their present home in 1999.

Employed at Magnavox in Fort Wayne for 45-1/2 years, he retired as a maintenance supervisor in 1989.

A member of the Allen County 4-H Fairgrounds and the American Motorcycle Association, he enjoyed woodworking, motorcycles and antique tractor shows in his leisure time.

Surviving relatives include his wife, Pat; seven children, Everett E. "Busty" (Linda) Liggett of Auburn; Everett (Jenny) Liggett Jr.; Carson (Tamera) Templeton; Darlene (Bob) Thomas; Debra (Charles "Wayne") Thomas, and Pamela (Paul) Lich, all of Churubusco, and Rick (Dian) Templeton of Spencerville; two brothers, George (Pat) Liggett of Fort Wayne and Charles (Sara) Liggett of Eden, Ohio; four sisters, Phyllis (Wallace) Castle of Coldwater, Mich.; Alice (William) Mabry of Olympia, Wash.; Pat Hoopengardner of Fort Wayne and Barbara Koskie of Garrett; 15 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a granddaughter; a twin brother, Emmett Liggett and another brother, Kenneth L. Liggett, and two sisters, Eleanor Bellis and Roberta "Bert" Ebert.



Liggett

Christopher Charles Jefferson, newborn

— Dec. 28, 2005 —

Christopher Charles Jefferson, newborn son of William Lee and Jennifer Lyn (Johnson) Jefferson of Columbia City, died at 2:10 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 28, 2005, at Riley's Children Hospital in Indianapolis.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by a sister, April R. Jefferson of Columbia City; grandparents, Jack (Cork) Jefferson of Pierceton; Linda (Rick) Cook of Etna, and Aron (Carla) Rutin of Milan, Ill.

The funeral service is at 9 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 31, at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Dr. in Columbia City, with Dr. David Biberstein, of Oak Grove Church of God, officiating. Burial is at South Park Cemetery, Columbia City.

Memorial bequests may be given in Christopher's memory, to Riley's Children Hospital in Indianapolis. Envelopes are available at the funeral home.

To send condolences, sign the family guest register book, or light a memorial candle in Christopher's memory, please visit www.demoneygrimes.com.

The funeral service is at 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 31, at Churubusco United Methodist Church, with the Rev. E. Vaughn Powell, pastor emeritus, officiating. The family will receive friends from 2 to 8 p.m. today at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco, or at the church one hour prior to the service. Interment is at 2:30 p.m. Saturday at Scipio Cemetery, east of Harlan.

For those who wish, memorials may be directed to Churubusco United Methodist Church or to Parkview Home Health and Hospice, Columbia City.

Condolences may be e-mailed to the family at sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

Felger service

Pastor Jeff Spence officiated at the funeral service for Marjorie E. Felger, 81, on Wednesday, Dec. 28, 2005, at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home in Columbia City.

The organ prelude by Evelyn Stemen included "O That Will Be Glory," "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God," "Oh How I Love Jesus" and "When We All Get to Heaven," with "Sweet Peace, the Gift of God's Love" as postlude. Vocalists, Brett Pennel and Jeffrey Wesson sang "Finally Home" and Claire Felger sang "Good Night and Good Morning."

Casketbearers were Nolan, Karl and Brice Habegger, Matthew Cox, Brent and Jeffrey Whitehurst. Burial was at Eel River Cemetery, rural Churubusco.

Mrs. Felger, wife of Forest C. Felger and mother of Mary Whitehurst, Larry Habegger, Ruth Cox, Mark, Charles and Max Felger, and Ruth White, died Saturday, Dec. 24.

Shock service

Pastor Scott Mann officiated at the funeral service for Ruby Rose Shock, 96, on Thursday, Dec. 28, 2005, at North Webster United Methodist Church.

Music selections included "On Eagles Wings" and traditional hymns by Marilyn Nulf, organist. Granddaughters sang a vocal duets of "Beulah Land" and "His Eye Is On the Sparrow."

Casketbearers were Dick, Doug, James, John and Michael Shock and Michael Slabaugh. Granddaughters shared an a capella duet of "Amazing Grace" at the committal service.

Mrs. Shock, mother of Curtis Shock died Sunday, Dec. 25, 2005.

The service was entrusted to DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home in Columbia City.

Lula Bowers, 86

Oct. 18, 1919 - Dec. 30, 2005

Lula Bowers, 86, a resident of Columbia Township, died Friday morning, Dec. 30, 2005, at Parkview Whitley Hospital in Columbia City, where she was admitted on Wednesday.

She was born Oct. 18, 1919, in Letcher County, Ky., a daughter of Edward and Jane (Bentley) Baker. She spent her formative years in Letcher County.

In 1941, she was united in marriage to Charles Kilgore. He preceded her in death in December of 1973.

On Aug. 7, 1978, she was united in marriage to William P. Bowers. They made their home at Bear Lake until 1990, when they moved to their present home in Columbia Township. Mr. Bowers died Dec. 2, 2005.

She was employed at Blue Bell for five years, Precision Plastics for eight years and S & L Truck Stop for four years.

Surviving relatives include four daughters, Donna (Keith) Ott of Wolf Lake, Beita (Richard) Vanderford of North Manchester, Jane (Dave) Rayner of Columbia City, and Naomi Ruth (Steve) Hatfield of South Whitley; three sons, David (Margaret) Kilgore of Columbia City, George (Jane) Kilgore of North Carolina, and Hugh (Evelyn) Kilgore of Indianapolis; a step-daughter, Janet (Larry) Brooks of Fort Wayne; 20 grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; 30 great-grandchildren; two step-great-grandchildren; a great-great-granddaughter; and a brother, William Baker of Pendleton.

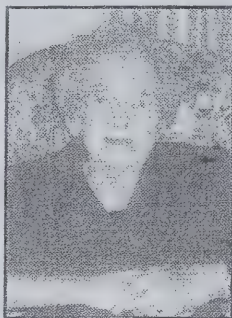
In addition to her husbands, she was preceded in death by a son, Darrel Kilgore; three brothers, Carl, Martin and Leonard Baker; and two sisters, Melinda McCarty and Nancy Bostain.

The funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, Jan. 2, at Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City, with visitation two hours prior to the service.

The burial will be in Christian Chapel Cemetery in Merriam.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to the donor's favorite charity.

Condolences may be sent to www.smithandsonsfuneralhome.com.



Bowers

Violet Ilene Owen, 88

Oct. 7, 1917 - Dec. 29, 2005

Violet Ilene Owen, 88, a resident of rural Sparta Township in Noble County, and widow of Leo Owen, died at 1:15 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 29, 2005, at her daughter Cheryl Bailey's residence in Goshen.

Mrs. Owen was born Oct. 7, 1917, in Green Township in Noble County, a daughter of Wilburt "Jim" and Laura (Diffendarfer) Pippenger. She spent her formative years in that community.

On Dec. 14, 1940, she was married to Leo Owen in Covington, Ky. The couple lived all of their adult lives on the family farm in rural Sparta Township, south of Kimmell. She was a homemaker.

Mr. Owen preceded her in death Aug. 25, 1997.

The surviving relatives include a son, Jerry L. (Angie) Owen of Ligonier; twin daughters, Cheryl L. (Marc) Troyer and Cheryl L. (Thomas) Bailey, all of Goshen; six grandchildren; five step-grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; eight step-great-grandchildren; and two step-great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by a grandson, three brothers and seven sisters.

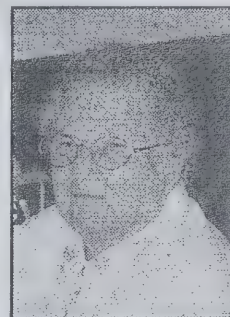
Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, Jan. 2 at the Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco, with Rev. Terry L. Zolman, pastor of the Merriam Christian Chapel, officiating.

The family will receive friends from 2 to 8 p.m. Sunday at the mortuary.

Interment will be in the Christian Chapel Cemetery in Merriam.

For those who wish, memorials may be directed to Care at Home Hospice, P.O. Box 723, Goshen IN 46527.

Condolences may be e-mailed to the family at sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.



Owen

Irene I. LeClear, 84

Feb. 3, 1921 - Dec. 29, 2005

Irene I. LeClear, 84, a former resident of Jefferson Township, died at 11:15 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 29, 2005, at Saint Anne's Home in Fort Wayne, where she had been a resident since March 1992.

She was born Feb. 3, 1921, in Steubenville, Ohio, a daughter of Carlos and Francesca

(DeLeonardis) Ciancetta. She graduated from Catholic Central High School in Steubenville. A

music lover, she had a beautiful singing voice and performed at special events in the Steubenville area. She also enjoyed swimming when she was younger.

She worked as a secretary for a law firm and also served as a secretary for her father's contracting business, Carlos Ciancetta & Sons. In 1953 she moved to the Fort Wayne area.

She was a member of the St. Catherine's Catholic Church, south of Columbia City, and its Senior Citizens Group. She also belonged to the St. John the Baptist Catholic Church Rosary Sodality.

Surviving relatives include two sons, Robert Michael LeClear and Michael Bryan (Lori) LeClear, both of Fort Wayne; two daughters, Kathleen (Thomas) O'Connell and Renee (Michael) Gase, both of Columbia City; nine grandchildren; a great-granddaughter; a brother, Victor Ciancetta of Steubenville, Ohio; and a sister, Gloria Tuchowski of Steubenville, Ohio.

She was preceded in death by an infant daughter, Mary Ann LeClear; her former husband, Bob LeClear; and three brothers, Carlos Jr., Valerio, August and Joseph Ciancetta.

The funeral service will be held at 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, Jan. 3 at St. Anne's Home, 1900 Randallia Drive in Fort Wayne, with visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at the home. The entombment will be in the Catholic Cemetery in Fort Wayne.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to St. Anne's Home or masses.

Arrangements are by Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City.

Condolences may be sent to www.smithandsonsfuneralhome.com.



LeClear

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